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Articles of Association and By Laws of ~~the~~ The Christian Union of Reading Mass.

Adopted April 26. 1869.

Article 1st with amendment of May 24. 1869.

We the undersigned believing in the Fatherhood of God, and the Brotherhood of Humanity, as taught by Jesus Christ and acknowledging Him our Teacher and Guide: and considering that belief a sufficient bond of Union, hereby associate ourselves together, under the name of The Christian Union of Reading Mass., for the purpose of moral and religious improvement, hoping and intending that this association shall help our progress in all good words, and good works.

Article 2nd as amended Sept 22 1871. June 14th 1889 Feb. 23 189 and Feb. 29 1892. May 5 1905.

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A person wishing to become a member of this Society may make application verbally or in writing, to the Clerk, who shall present the name at the next ~~(regular)~~ meeting. The application shall then be considered and the vote taken. Two thirds of those present having voted in favor of the applicant they may sign the Articles of Association and By Laws at any time subsequent to being voted in as members, in presence of the Clerk

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Any member removing permanently from town shall not after one year from such removal be considered to have terminated his or her membership and the parties name shall not be stricken from the records

By Laws.

Article 1st as amended Sept 22 1871.

All regular members of this Society 21 years of age shall be entitled to vote at all meetings of the Society, but this article shall not preclude minors from joining the Society. Ten (10) members shall constitute a quorum.

Meetings

Article 2nd as amended April 3rd 1871 and April 9th 1896.

Apr. 24, 1916 Amended to read "First Tuesday in April"

An annual meeting of the Association shall be held on the first ~~Monday~~ Tuesday in April of each year, at such hour and place, as the Trustees shall appoint: and at the meetings, reports for the past year shall be made by the Trustees, and Treasurer: and Officers shall be elected for the ensuing year.

Officers

Article 3rd as amended Apr 3/71. Feb 29 1896, Feb. 26 1894.

The Officers of the Association shall be a Clerk, a Treasurer, a Collector and Five (5) Trustees, to attend to the business of the Association according to directions given by the general meetings.

Special Meetings

Article 4th Special meetings of the Association shall be called by the Clerk, at the request of the Trustees or of any (10) ten members

Notice of Meeting

Article 5 Notice of each meeting shall be given at least seven (7) days previously, by posting up in at least three (3) public places, and the call for each meeting shall specify the subjects to be acted on.

Articles how Amended.

Article 6th These Articles of Association and By Laws may be altered at any annual or special meeting, notice thereof having been given on the call

Article 7 (In settling a pastor over the Society, the church organization (should there be one formed in connection with the Society) and the Society shall act in joint session but the Church shall have no voice in the general temporal government of the Society

Adopted Sept 22 1871

Signatures of Members

E. Appleton	dead
William Proctor	dead
Edward Safford	dead
Samuel Holbrook	dead
James Reid	dead
N. E. Cox	dead
Lewis E. Gleason	dead
A. P. Smith	dead
C. F. Pinkham	dead
C. B. McIntire	dead
Andrew Howes	dead
E. B. Fairchild	dead
Harley Prentiss	dead
Mary J. Howes	dead
Maria P. Dinemore	dead
Nellie C. Prentiss	dead
Lizzie Smith	dead
Eliza J. Safford	dead
W. M. Knight	dead
D. L. Weston	dead
William La Clair	dead
B. F. Newell	dead
Henry D. Wright	dead
S. M. Hall	dead
Reuben Nichols	dead
Mary E. Wellington	dead
Mary E. White	dead
Susan A. Carter	dead
Caroline C. Green	dead
Elmina B. Hall	dead
Margaret Pinkham	dead
George C. Coney	dead
Seth Bessey	dead
Elizabeth Minot	dead
Abigail A. Clapp	dead
C. A. Parker	

[illegible] S. Valentine dead
H. E. Valentine dead
Mary C. Harnden [illegible]
Abby C. Clapp dead
[illegible] S. Pinkham [illegible]
[illegible] dead
[illegible] dead
[illegible] dead
[illegible] dead

[illegible] dead
[illegible]
[illegible] Wright
[illegible] Stoddley
[illegible]
[illegible] dead
[illegible] dead
[illegible] dead
[illegible] dead

[illegible] Howe
John A. Blunt
[illegible] dead
[illegible]
Gustavus W. Mason dead
Emma W. Brown dead
[illegible] E. Appleton
[illegible] ✓ 173 High dead
dead
Mrs. Henry E. Holden ✓ dead & Arlington St. Reading
[illegible] ✓ dead
Growing ✓ Elm St. Wakefield
dead
[illegible]
[illegible] dead
[illegible] dead
[illegible] dead
[illegible]
[illegible] Hedley

C. B. Rogers	[illegible]	
F. A. Robinson	removed	dead
[illegible]	[illegible]	
[illegible]	[illegible]	dead
N. F. Paul	removed	dead
Mrs. L. A. Paul	" "	dead
Charles R. Perkins	" "	dead
A. Perkins	dead	
[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sarah A. Judd	dead	
Sophia Sweetser	dead	
Caroline Phillips	removed Dead	
Eliza M. Brown	removed	dead
[illegible]	[illegible]	dead
Henry T. Hall	removed	dead
F. A. Gilson	removed	dead
E. A. Gowing	dead	
J. T. Brooks	dead	
Mrs. E. T. Brooks	dead	
Horace E. Eames	dead	
Annie M. Eames	dead	
Warren E. Eaton	dead	
Edward A. Nichols	dead	
A. K. Printiss	dead	43 Berkeley
A. B. Ruggles	dead	Mrs. Edward Nichols Falmouth, Mass.
[illegible]	[illegible]	
[illegible]	dead	128 Woburn
[illegible]	[illegible]	
[illegible]	dead	224 Hyhst
[illegible]	dead	
[illegible]	dead	CUBAN WAR
Herbert Barrows	dead	
Katherine N. Barrows	dead	
[illegible]	d	
Mary A. Robinson	dead	
James Gibson	[illegible]	dead
Wm. Albert W. Bux[illegible]		
Hattie M. Parker	les	~~28 Lexington St.~~ Dover N.H. 52 [illegible]

	dead	128 Woburn
	dead	236 Summer
	dead	42 Salem
	dead	48 Linden
K E Ames	dead	8 Pratt St
	dead	
	removed	
Frank L. Nichols	dead	
Sarah Nichols	dead	
Annie A. Cochran		1903
Caroline Cook		
John Cochran		
		moved
		dead
	REMOVED	
atin	REMOVED	
	dead REMOVED	
	dead	
99 Pearl	dead	
	dead	
	dead	
		dead
	dead	Resigned
	dead	
		Same 156 Summer St.
Mrs. Bickers		Somerville
		dead
		dead

	[illegible]	dead
	Charles F. Reid	[illegible]
	Diana M. Hooton	dead
	Louise A. Hooton	Mrs Charles Jenkins
	[illegible]	REMOVED
	[illegible]	V REMOVED
		REMOVED
	[illegible]	[illegible]
	[illegible]	dead
	George F. Buck	dead
	Geo. M. Burrows	[illegible]
	[illegible]	[illegible]
	Ethel E. Parker	dead
	Ellen R. Parker	[illegible]
	[illegible]	Wilmington Mass dead
2/23/91	[illegible] Wright	~~[illegible]~~ dead
	Edward Wright	~~[illegible]~~ dead
	[illegible]	REMOVED
	[illegible] Harrington	[illegible]
	Mary A. Bancroft	V ~~181~~ dead Prescott St 285 Summer St
	Charles M. Horton	removed V dead
	R. Orlando Buck	MOVED [illegible]
	Harry Cook	~~9/26/95~~ ~~11/1/95~~
	Mabel S. Fellows	Mrs. dead
	[illegible]	dead
"	Eliza R. Smith	(Dead)
"	Charlotte Horton	MOVED removed V dead
	[illegible]	(
4/5/97	George Sherman	dead
"	Mary A. Sherman	dead
4/13/97	Edward M. Sawyer	
	Elizabeth L. Sawyer	
	Lettie Litchfield	dead ~~89 Deering St~~ 99 Tudbury
	Sarah Litchfield	dead
	Hattie Litchfield	[illegible]
	Harry Reid	V
	Emma Isabel Fairfield	~~88~~ we [illegible] Removed
	Sigfred A. Bancroft	dead
	Walter Sherman [illegible]	Twin Fires V Sheffield Mass
X	Bertha L. B	69 Lowell St

	Samuel Rounds	dead	12 Hancock Ave
X	[illegible]	V	69 Lowell
	Florence E. Brown	MOVED	V dead
	Charlotte E. Clapp		
	Dexter Clapp		
	Gilbian Gray Howes		
	Marion A. Howes	Mrs. Jesse Wormaton	dead
Mrs.	Martha C. Cook	deceased RESIGNED 4/03	V Springfield Mass.
	Elroy S. Hunt	removed dead	V Rogers Church, Fairhaven Mass.
	John A. Haldopt	removed	
	Dudley F. Hunt	dead	
MOVED	Ellie Wallace		moved to NY 132 Bancroft Ave
	[illegible]	V	
	[illegible] ay	V removed	
	[illegible] Sharpe	MOVED	dead
	George A. Besse		
	[illegible]	dead	V Masonic Home Charlton, Mass.
P	[illegible]	270 Main V [illegible]	dead, Wakefield dead
	[illegible]	removed	V Mrs. Hubert J. Belcher 60 Dwight St., Brookline
	[illegible]		V Mrs. Walter A. Lambert 65 Chesnut Hill ave., Brighton
	[illegible]	dead	
X	[illegible]		V

Willard Hilton — 88 Kenrick ~~284 Lexington Ave~~ dead
Emma Adden — Removed to California dead
Francis L. Mansfield — dead
Arthur N. Mansfield — 201 Woburn St dead
J. Gertrude Francis
Helen A. Francis, dead (Mrs Carl B. Sawyer)
Carl B. Sawyer. dead 236 Summer Ave
George Cotreco
Arthur H. Jewett
William Tyler
Walter H. Cook dead 1 Elbag St., Reading, Mass
Lillian N. Ramsey
Flora Monroe Ramsey. V 7 Woodcliffe Road Wellesley Hills, Mass.
Mary C. Temple (Mrs. Joseph Temple) died Feb. 1926
Marion H. Morgan Lives in Missouri dead
Mary A. Morgan " " dead
X Clara G Brander 41 Woburn
Silas H. Parker V Great Barrington Mass
Mabel Francis Parker. dead
Franklin Nash.
Eunice C. Nash. dead. V Mrs. Earl Newhall
Alice C. Nash
Deborah G. Nash
Miss R J Wade dead
Mrs Jesse S. Floyd dead
Wm. Richard Loring
Miss Julia E. Rounds dead
Julia E. Rounds
Mrs A. W. Clark
Jos A. W. Clark
Mrs Frank P. Abbott dead
Charles H. Abbott
+ Miss Mary Thayer Eales. ~~55 Salem~~ 52 Linden St
Richard F. Loring 55 Temple
Walter E. Meagher 12 Fremont dead
Mrs H. Martin
E. C. Morgan
Frank H. Martin dead

	Fannie Hunt	Mrs. Edgar N. Hunt dead
	Walter J. Prentiss	dead
	Guy H. Ruggles	V Inspiration, Arizona Box 159
	Lillian M. Noble	Oral H.
	William S. Dennison	V 26 Copeland Ave dead
	Mary E. Hutchinson	V
	Edwin S. Hutchinson	V
Jan 1908	Arthur B. Nichols	V 98 Walton Park Melrose, Mass. dead
	Joshua D. Lepine	19 Woburn ~~284 Summer Ave~~
	Anne R. Aldrich	
	Helen H. Smalley	dead
	Fannie H. Allen	V V 101 Bunker Hill Ave
	Arthur A. Libby	dead ~~508 Commonwealth Ave~~ Boston
X	Jesse W. Morton	198 Woburn
April 6 1908	Anna K. Davis	
	Walter S. Davis	V 98 Walton Park Melrose
	Eva M. Nichols	
	Florence Brookhouse	
	Harry Brookhouse	V
	Chas. E. Jackins	dead
X	Owen E. Ruggles	42 Grand St Newcastle, N.H.
	Myron N. Bartlett	dead
	L. Mabel Hunter	dead
April 4 1910	Mrs Mary McDonald	
April 1911	Marion [illegible]	V
	Martha D. Harvey	V
	Herbert G. Ballou	
X	Mabel F. Coolidge	210 Summer Ave
	Arthur W. Partridge	dead V
April 7 1913	Ida G. Temple (Mrs)	dead
	Ellen C. Whitcomb	
	Nina C. H. Gething	deceased
	J. W. Gething	" "
	Harry P. Baker	" "
	J. Edward Frost	
1914 April 6 X	Ethel R. Willson	29 Woburn St
X	William H. Wilson	

Apr. 6, 1914 Mrs. Percy H. Sweetser 192 Woburn St
" " " Percy H. Sweetser dead
" " " Mrs Julia T. Carter
" " " Mrs. Edward O. Kenney dead
" " " Warren L. Fletcher dead
Apr. 3, 1916 Mrs. S. L. Brown
" " " Edith M. Funk (Mrs Fred Page) 59 Middlesex Ave
" Edward B. Kimball dead
" " " Ethel M. Baker ~~32 Virginia Rd~~
" " " Albert W. Damon
" E. Damon
" " Essie G. Judkins. (Mrs Fred B.) Miller
April 3. 1917 Herbert E. Kinsley dead Mrs John Phinney
" " Blanche Kinsley
Alcott W. Stockwell
(William S. Cooper) Resigned Apr. 12. 1921.
Apr. 1. 1919. Louis H. Cobb dead
Frank L. Hutchins 61 Welch Rd removed
Gertrude L. Bradish. dead 61 Prospect
Marion L. Park removed San Pedro
Robert Ham.
Mabel L. Villaway July 1938
~~Ernest M. Villaway~~ ~~29 Perkins Ave~~ ~~Reading~~ ~~died~~ 56
Nancy D. Evans
Herbert G. Evans 54 Howard St
Mrs Frankie Park
E. Norman Hunt. dead
Blanche R. Thomas 43 Prospect dead
Clara M. Kelley Mrs. Isaac S. Kelley removed
Elizabeth Kelley
Isaac S. Kelley 216 Woburn
Sylvester B. Kelley 80 Cashmere St Newton
Eleanor Hutchinson Concord, N.H.
Gile Davis (Mrs Franklin Alfred) Hutchinson
Mark E. Clark. ~~died~~ ~~Highland St~~
May Louise Temple 38 Salem
Helena Jenkins
Fred M. Clark 8 Bancroft Ave Reading
Lizzie P. Thorn June 28 1919 dead

		188 West St
X	[illegible]	
	Sarah Bancroft	V Mrs. Charles Crowhurst Nutley, N.J.
	Mrs. Dora G. Martin	removed
	Emma F. Allen	dead
	Elizabeth Tylu Curtis	[illegible] dead
	Ebelie Converse	dead
	George H. Foote	24 Middlesex Ave
	Mrs. Grace E. Foote	dead 24 Middlesex Ave
	Alison Foote	[illegible]
X	Robert E. Foote	3 Perkins Ave
X	Harriet M. Le Fro.	~~26 Prescott St~~
Apr. 4. 1920	Ella M. Choate	17 Eaton St dead
X	Edith C. Scott	Mrs. Edw Scott 4 Fremont St.
	Flora J. Proctor	~~31 Ash St~~ dead
X	Miriam Loring Platts V	55 Trinkle St Letter to 10/12/48
	Richard P. Cromwell	Congregational Church Location
	Ernest H. Bryant	Deceased
	Florence R. Elliot	
	Russell L. Elliot	
Apr. 6. 1920	Mehlin E. Brauch	dead Resigned June 25, 1934
	Marion Franklin Ham	
	Mary Louise Ham	Removed
	Dr F. L. Smalley	Removed dead
Apr. 4. 1920.	Mildred Lillian Bingham	
	Carter K. Ruggles	~~44 King St~~ New Castle N.H.
	A. Allen Libby, Jr.	116 Prospect St Revere
X	Mrs. [illegible] Libby	~~Frank T. Hitchcock Square~~
	Florence [illegible] Libby	dead ~~Prospect~~ Chelsea Commander Springfield Mass
X	Katherine Willson	
	Faith Smalley	
X	Nellie K. Zappey	Ballston Spa N.Y.
	Doris M. Temple V	
X	Bertha P. Benjamin	299 ~~Lowell St~~ ~~Pertola St~~
	John H. Benjamin	dead
X	Mary L. Rounds	Mrs Clarence Smith Burlington
	Bernard Turner	~~75 Rose~~ dead
X	M. B. Hill	175 Bancroft Ave

Easter 1921	John C Dane	✓	[illegible]
	John Elliot		[illegible]
	Harold M. Baker		Removed
	Sherman Dane.	✓	[illegible]
	Gleine M Davis		[illegible]
	Anna Mc Dwitt	✓	[illegible]
	John Alden Young		dead
	Lawrence D. Harley	✓	[illegible]
	Homon L. Kell		[illegible]
	Edmund A. Stockwell		[illegible]
	C. Willard Perkins	✓	[illegible]
	Russell L. Elliot Jr.		[illegible]
	Alfred L Oliver		[illegible]
June 1921	[illegible] Clemmell		[illegible]
	[illegible]		[illegible]
			[illegible]
June 1921	Jennie Mackie		dead
June 20 1922	[illegible] Harvey	✓	Removed to New [illegible]
	[illegible]		dropped
	Marcia Ham.		Removed
	Jeanette Underwood		[illegible]
	[illegible] Sweetser.		Mrs. [illegible]
	William T. W. Underwood		51 Deering St
	Edith B. Underwood.		
	Lillian S. Perkins		Died Oct. 2 – 1926
	Pearl F. Perkins		158 ~~Cook~~ Removed
	~~Robert O. Cheney~~		
	Lena M. Reed.		103 Summer St
	Sophia Oliver		[illegible]
	Jennie H. Clemons.		[illegible]
April 15.	Alice A. Barrows		~~22 Union St~~ dead
	Ella F. Wadlin.		dead dead
	Charles N. Sweetser.		~~74 Summer Ave~~ Removed
	Priscilla V. [illegible]		[illegible] Ham) [illegible]
	[illegible]		Mrs. [illegible]
	[illegible]		Letter of dismissal granted [illegible]
	Nellie M. Dunforth		181 ~~Prescott St~~ dead
	~~Edith S. Cheney~~		~~Transferred member '57~~

1922 Mrs. Annie L. Perry Removed
George F. Perry
Christie M. Tuebber R E 3 Parkinson Court
William F. Willson Jr. 291 Walnut
Herbert C Towle 22 West St
A. Maude Adams
Pleasant St.
Jerr Essence F. Hurnole dead
Mrs Alice G. Watson - Removed
Elinor H. Austin Removed to 183 Salem
april 22 Susan E. Tinkham Removed dead
Horace Brown dead
Clara J Brown
Apr 22 Frederick M Field
Luella P. Lloyd dead
Mrs Alfred B Smith 273 Haverhill
Elry M. Prentiss 15 Fremont St dead
Dorothy P. Glover 13 Fremont
Harriet A Palmer 81 Prospect St
Lillian F. Field. Removed
Ina T. Hauss. 8 Lancaster St. Cambridge
Mrs. Martha A. Batchelder Removed
Mrs Maria E. Patterson Removed
Apr 23 Freeman D. Blake 8 Lancaster St Cambridge
dead 99 Pearl
Grace N. Henderson dead 41 Longwood Rd
Helen H. Bancroft res.
C. Earl Watson To Reading ~~Removed~~
Walter R. Holden dead ~~180 West St~~
Mrs Sarepta E Woodward. Removed
Jesse S Thom Deceased.
1923 Walter C. White Jr. Dropped from list.
Irving C. Austin 180 Prescott
Eleanor Upton dead Mrs. Chase 79 Woburn St
5/22/23 Catharine B. Wetherbee. Bath, Maine
Dec 23 Robert M. Barclay 26 Vine St.
W. Ronald Smith Removed to Calif.
Harry Barclay - dead
Helen A. Todding 12 Berkeley St.

April 16, 1926 — Waldred P. Boyle, 207 Woburn
Leonard J. Fodding — 72 Berkeley dead
Florence M. Bracken — 16 Vale Rd
Estelle W. Temple — Remove dead
Edith B. Morse
elected annual meeting — Howard E. Morse — 80 Woburn
Mrs. Clyde Mae Comack — Deceased
Easter April 20, 1924 — Alexander Perry Stone — 12 Fremont Manchester, Mass.
Mary Elizabeth Odden — Removed
Newell Howes Morton
Mrs. Walter C. White — dropped from membership
Winnifred C. Perry — dead 25
Phyllis Hodgins — Remove
Mary E. Wyman (widow) — dead 123
Roland W. Wyman — dead 7 Hunden
Mrs. Annie M. Freeman — Removed 26 Middlesex
[illegible] — Remove
Elected July 7, 1924 — Annie M. Webb — dead 32 Temple St.
Perry E. Anderson — 57 Woburn — 64 Federal Street
Easter April 12, 1925 — Francis C. Hill — Transferred to Cong. 36 Orange St.
Margaret Thomas — Removed 46 Precinct St
Henry L. Bailey — Removed 20 West St.
Florence J. G. Richardson — Cotting 27 Park St.
Edward R. Wood — 27 Ash
Elmer Frost — 59 Park St
Edna L. Stanley — Removed 16 Thorndike Street
Guy W. Stanley — Removed 16 Thorndike Street
Herbert L. Hill Jr. — Removed 36 Orange St.
Richard B. Crosby — To Congregational Church 3/31/25 — 41 Oak St. — 8 Vista Ave.
Isabel C. Hardwick — dead — 72 Prospect St. — 9 Longview Rd
Priscilla Hardwick — Removed — " "
Richard H. Adams — Died May 17, 1926 — 135 Summer Ave.
Elected 4/1/25 — Wm Gardner Long — 32 Copeland Ave.
Lottie L. Long — dead 32 " "
Palm Sunday 3/28/26 — Edith W. Holcomb — Removed to John Street — 197 South St.
Charles A. Holcomb — " " 197 " "
Mrs Emma J. Lane — 23 Grand St.
Chas E. Gaudin — To Hill Church
Elizabeth L. " "

Oliver Morton Wade Jr
Walter C Smith dead 36 Temple St
* Mrs Alice M Randall ~~105 West~~ 28 South St.
L I Oldfield dead ~~40~~ Temple St Reading
Edward S Randall 28 South St.
24 High St., Everett.
~~Mrs H. H. K.~~ 99 Summer St Reading
Ruby N. S. Estabrook Removed 80 Lowell St.
Harland B. Estabrook, 180 Lowell St., Reading.
* Mrs Alice P. Robinson dead ~~22 Berkeley St.~~
Elmer H. Robinson 22 Berkeley St.
Leon C Rich ~~Removed~~ 14 Berkeley St
Marion C Rich ~~Removed~~
Ralph D. Sawyer dead ~~4 Ellis Ave.~~ 32 Sidland Rd
Milena C Morris 36 Temple St ~~Removed~~
Guard Dell Smith 36 Temple Street
Sexta E. Long Removed ~~45 Warren St~~ ~~165 Main St.~~ 11 Arlington St
Sister
Mar-1927 * Walter Benjamin ~~14 Berkeley St.~~ ~~14 Berkeley St.~~
Mrs Lottie F. Perry (R.L.) ~~14 Mill St.~~ Deceased Mrs. Perry's Widow
Dorothy F. Perry ~~14 Mill St.~~
Norma E Perry ~~14 Mill St.~~ Removed
Virginia C Perry ~~14 Mill St~~ Removed
Mrs. Olive L. Spear - 14 Berkeley St. Removed
Mrs. Florence Spear 14 Berkeley St. dead
Roger W. Parsons 8 Pleasant St. Removed
Jesse Whitman Morton Jr. ~~14~~ 146 Woburn St.
* Edith Podding Mrs Walter Shob ~~56 Walnut St~~ ~~Berkeley St~~
* Virginia Podding ~~42 Berkeley St~~ Mrs Richard
* Elaine Scoggins Mrs. G. Burling Low ~~5 Banfield~~ ~~14 Hill St~~ ~~Stoneham~~
Ruth L Chesley ~~14 Cutter St.~~ 13 Vista ~~Removed~~
Evelyn Benjamin 18 Berkeley St. Removed
Elected 4/12/27 Margaret Low 55 Hillcrest Road.
Owen L Crocker Removed 24 Ash St.
Christine W. Burrage 65 Lowell St.
Alvah L. Burrage 65 Lowell St.
Ethel M. Crocker Removed ~~5 Berkeley St.~~ 43
Elmer F. Crocker Jr Removed ~~15 Berkeley St.~~ 43
Alfred Kimball ~~40 Chute St.~~ 18 Hanscom Ave

1928 April 8	Nettie E. Bowser	8 Berkeley Street	
	Hermann C. Bowser	" "	dead
	Raymond W Spear	22 " "	Removed
	Clarence H Spear	" "	dead
	Harold V Boyle	247 Woburn Street	
	Frances W. Emery	186 Lowell St	Removed
	Malcolm S Emery	" " "	Removed
June 1929 9	Mabel C. Crane	~~24 Ash St~~ 75 Mill St	
	Marion Crooker	43 Berkeley Street	
	Warren L Fletcher Jr	~~43 Highland St~~ 57 ~~Main St.~~	
	Mary E. Clapp	8 Pratt St.	
Aug. 31-29	Annie Marie Bliss	36 Temple St.	dead
June 8-1930	Bertha S. Bancroft	15 Mt. Vernon St.	deceased
	William C. Burpee	Removed ~~396 Main St.~~ 18 Lawrence Rd	
	Alfred Smith	273 Haverhill St.	
	~~Natalie Smith~~	~~273~~ Haverhill St.	
	Virginia C. Smith	273 Haverhill St.	
	Jennie L Viall	177 Bancroft Ave	
	Chas H. Ruggles	224 High St	
	Gould B. Ruggles	224 High St.	
	~~Catherine Burpee~~	~~396 No Main St.~~ 18 School St. R.	
	Mary H. Burpee	~~396 No Main St.~~	
	Marion M. Brown	~~Haverhill St~~	Removed
	Allen A. Smeltzer	110 Woburn St	
	Norman E. Poultney	396 Main St.	Removed
	~~Gilliam T. Clarkson~~	~~174 Ash St~~	
	~~Harold Clarkson~~	~~174 Ash St~~	
Apr. 12-1931	Ottiana L. Perry	57 Mill St.	Removed to Mount Mary
Apr. 12-1932	Lyle M. Richardson	38 Hill Crest Road	Removed
June 12-1932	Helen E. Hodgkins	~~90 Howard St.~~	~~164 Main St.~~
June 12 1932	Leslie T Hodgkins	~~90 Howard St.~~	~~164 Main St.~~
June 12	Malvina E. Beach	138 - Wabun St	Removed
June 12	Marcus Kent Fletcher	Removed 43 Highland st	
June 12	L. Francis Dennison	26 Copeland Ave.	
June 12	Leon Rich Jr.	22 Berkeley St	Removed
Aug 12th 1934	Clarence R. Brown	28 Salem St	
March 26th	Dorothy S. Hoag (Mrs Roland B.)	836 Main St. ~~3 Lewis St.~~	~~dead~~
" "	Roland B. ~~Hoag~~	836 Main St	
" "	Marjorie L. Schoppelry	~~102 Prescott St.~~	130 Woburn St
" "	~~Herbert B. Schoppelry~~	" "	

1934		13	
Mar 26	Otis P. Hodgkins	13 Hunscom Ave	
" 26	Esther C. Hodgkins	13 Hunscom Ave	
" 26	Edna D. Coan	44 Prospect St.	dead
"	Arnold M. Coan	" "	
April 10	Ann S. Jackson	2 Bond St.	Removed
April 10	John B. Upton	79 Woburn St	Removed
April 10	Marion I. Richardson	36 Hillcrest Rd	Removed
" "	Lincoln D. Richardson	" " "	Removed
June 25 1934	Mabel E. Bennett	36 Highland St Reading	dead
Mar 28, 34	Mrs Ernestine E. Korland	18 Willis Rd. Reading	dead
" "	Elisabeth Wilde Wennson	26 Copeland Ave "	
" "	Ruth M. Scharton	10 Franklin St	Removed
" "	Pauline B. Glover	3 Fremont "	Removed
" "	Betty J. Coan	39 Berkeley St. Reading	Removed
" "	Corinne B. Doane,	114 Prescott St., Reading, Mass	Removed
" "	Dorothy B. Coolidge	210 Summer Ave., Reading, Mass.	
" "	Arthur W. Coolidge Jr.	210 Summer Ave. Reading, Mass.	
"	Robert V. Bowen	8 Berkeley St, Reading Mass.	
" "	Marcus Morton	198 Woburn St. Reading Mass.	
April 13/37	Alice Pierce	216 Summer Ave	" "
	Emil E. Clapp	~~13 Highland St~~	" "
~~June 12/38~~			
Oct. 9/38	Ruth Allen Maxwell	24 Highland Street	Removed
" "	Nancy Elizabeth Holcomb	197 South Street	Removed
	Barbara Louise Tuel	113 Walnut Street	Removed
	Frances E. Myott	6 Virginia Rd	Removed
	~~E. J. Myott~~	6 Virginia Road	Removed
	Lizzie Mabel Hunter	21 Prescott Street	dead
Jan. 15, 1939	Frances Ruggles Haley (died 1945 March)	14 Lushing Street	Salem
Feb. 26. 1939	Bessie Williams	142 County Road	Removed
	Barbara Bryant	59 Middlesex Ave.	Removed
	Barbara Jones	287 Woburn Street	Removed
	Loretta Clarke Redding	~~165 Salem Street~~	10 Cranston Rd. Winchester
	G. Barnum Redding	~~165 Salem Street~~	" "
April 9 1939	Janie Palmer Graham	247 Summer	Removed
May 4, 1939	G. Burton Long	~~55 Bancroft Ave.~~ 41 Longwood Rd	

April 4 1904

[illegible] the Christian Union

The members of the Christian Union [illegible] that the [illegible] meeting [illegible] adjourned [illegible] to act on the [illegible]

Article 1. [illegible] meeting [illegible] the reports of the Treasurer, [illegible] to hear and act on all [illegible] matters.

Article 2. [illegible]

Article 3. [illegible]

Article 4. [illegible]

Article 5. [illegible] the church [illegible]

Article 6. [illegible]

Article 7. [illegible]

Article 8. [illegible]

[illegible] March 25 1904

[illegible] April 4, 1904

The clerk called the meeting to order when the Lord's prayer was notice and after [illegible]

Article 1.

Harley Prentiss elected chairman

Article 9.

On motion of Harry Cook article nine was taken up and the following admitted as members of the Union.

Mr Willard P. Odden	Miss Emma C. Odden
Mr. A. [illegible]	Mrs. [illegible]
Mr. William Tyler	Mrs. Arthur E. Jewett
Mr. Carl B. Sawyer	Miss Helen A. Francis
[illegible]	[illegible]
Mr. Lesterman R. Ramsey	Miss Flora M. Ramsey
Mr. Walter F. Cook	Mrs. Lizzie A. Cook

Article 2.

On motion of Mr. Mansfield the [illegible] Treasurers report was accepted.

[illegible] Treasurer of The Chri[illegible] [illegible] ending April 4 1904

[illegible]	44.73	Paid Pulpit	1101.04
[illegible]	1486.56	" Choir	389.75
[illegible]	175.00	" Janitor	107.[illegible]
[illegible]	181.20	" Expense print. Rep of Ch 51.50 chimney 13.88 " " furnace 17.92 20.18 and 36.71	140.08
[illegible]	164.00	" Interest church 5% 163.50 " 1 fly 26.25 Homes 5% 26.25	50.00
[illegible]	75.00	" Insurance	226.00
" [illegible]	35.00	" Fuel	128.05
[illegible]	60.00	" [illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	20.00	" [illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	" [illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	" [illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	10.00	" [illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	" [illegible]	5 10.00
		[illegible]	[illegible]
		[illegible]	[illegible]
	3018.5[illegible]		3[illegible]8.37

[illegible] $31.7[illegible] [illegible]

" " due the Pastor 91.67 [illegible]

There are no other claims against [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] is added each month $10.00 from [illegible] receipts, and the rent of the house $25.00

There is also a mortgage [illegible] $300 [illegible]

" " " mortgage [illegible] which

[illegible] is a row [illegible] wash [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Official [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]	21.45	
" " " " 3	1,179.45	
Sunday Collections	75.66	
Total		1,[illegible].56
[illegible]		
Collectors fee 3%	38.30	1,[illegible].56

Uncollected 56.70 making total pledges $1,036.20

N. E. Cook collector

[illegible]

N. E. Cook chairman.

Trustees

Your trustees have held several meetings [illegible]

[illegible]

respectfully [illegible]

[illegible] entirely

By the Co

April 4 1904.

Mr. O. Newell Howes reported it
was ready to have examined a
the Treasurer, and not [illegible]
accepted.

The Charity Committee reported 2.
unclaimed and on motion it was voted

Article 3

On motion of Mr. Cook it
was voted Mr. [illegible] and
[illegible] for clerk
elected

On motion of Mr. Adler it was voted
that Mr. Adler cast one ballot for
Harry E. Cook, Chas. P. Corin [illegible]
for trustees, Mr. F. Lynn
Harry E. Cook for collector
declared elected.

Voted to accept report of nomination Committee

Music Committee C. Winthrop Smith.
Mrs L. M. Crook. Miss Emma Adde
Mrs Margaret Pinkham ch

the trustees send out cards for the
the support of the society

On motion of Mr Hadlin seconded by
Mr Cook voted that the Trustees be given
Lambornand Howell Street at a price
not less than the assessed value or
if this cannot be done and a lower

favor and 1 opposed.

Article 7

article be referred to the trustees with
power.

On motion of Mr Cook it was voted that the Trustees reply to the First Church of Christ, Scientist, and notify them that we found it inexpedient to [illegible] the church with their arrangement.

[illegible] motion of Mr Franklin that the Trustees reply to the First Church of Christ Scientist, that we [illegible] [illegible] the use of our church [illegible]

On motion of Mr Franklin voted that [illegible] insurance expiring this year be renewed for five years.
On motion of Mr [illegible] voted that the thanks of the society be extended to Messrs [illegible] for their [illegible] in placing our insurance.
On motion of Mr Loring voted that Mr [illegible] be invited to cooperate with the trustees in seeking to increase the subscriptions among the members.
On motion of Mr [illegible] voted that Mrs [illegible] be invited to join with the Mr [illegible] and the Trustees to help increase the subscriptions and build up the Society.
On motion of Mrs Temple voted that an advisory committee of three be appointed to advise with the Trustees in regard to supplying the pulpit for the [illegible] [illegible] Mrs [illegible] were appointed.
On motion [illegible] it was voted that the Trustees [illegible] property at the corner of Sanborn and

Lowell Streets, that they call a meeting to see what disposal shall be made of the funds.

Voted that the thanks of the society be extended to Mr Loring for his kindness in printing our calandro during the past year.

Voted to adjourn subject to call of the trustees.

W. A. Bancroft Clerk

Special Meeting

A special meeting of the members of the Christian Church will be held in their Hall, Reading, Monday evening, June 20th at 8 o'clock, to act on the following articles.

Article 1.

To choose a Chairman to preside at said meeting.

Article 2.

To see what action will be taken about selling or leasing our property, corner of Sanborn & Lowell Streets, or what ~~they~~ will ~~do~~ be done in relation thereto.

Article 3.

To see what action will be taken in regard to a new ~~fire~~ [illegible] First Church of Christ, Scientist, for renting our [illegible]

By order of the Trustees

[illegible] Clerk

Reading [illegible]

Special Meeting June 20 1904.

Article 1.

On motion of A. P. Ladden seconded by Mr C. H. Smith voted that H. A. Bancroft cast one ballot for Chas Loring as chairman and he was declared elected.

Article 2

Voted on Motion of Mr C. H. Smith seconded by Mr J. A. Cook that the Trustees of the Christian Union of Reading Mass be and hereby are authorized and directed to sell the property of the Christian Union at the corner of Linden and Lowell Streets in Reading Mass. to William J. Bride of said Reading and that William F. [illegible] the Treasurer be authorized and directed to sign, seal, acknowledge and deliver in the name and in behalf of the Christian Union a deed of said premises

Article 3

Voted on motion of Mr J. A. Cook that the Trustees be instructed to rent to the [illegible] Church [illegible] the church [illegible] and that they be given full power [illegible] remuneration provided that the same be not less than [illegible] hundred dollars per year.

Adjourned.

H. A. Bancroft
Clerk

Omitted from above

Article 2. Voted on motion of Mr. C. H. Smith seconded by J. A. Cook that the proposition of Mr William J. Bride to purchase our property at corner of Linden and Lowell Streets be accepted.

H. A. Bancroft Clerk.

April 3 1905

[illegible] Annual Meeting of the Christian Union [illegible] Society [illegible] notified that the annual meeting would be held in Unity Hall, Reading, [illegible] Monday [illegible] April 3, 1905 at [illegible] P.M., [illegible] the following articles, namely:-

Article 1.

To choose a Chairman to preside at said Meeting.

Article 2

To act and act on the reports of the Committee, Trustees, and Other Committees.

Article 3.

To choose a Board of Trustees, Treasurer, Clerk and all other necessary officers for the ensuing year.

Article 4

To choose Committees on Visiting, Charity, Hospitality and all other necessary Committees for the ensuing year.

Article 5.

To see what action shall be taken in regard to the support of the [illegible] for the ensuing year.

Article 6.

To see how much money the Society will appropriate for the Library and other necessary expenses.

Article 8.

To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

Per order of Trustees,

[illegible] Bonnell

Reading, [illegible] Clerk.

April 3 1905

The [illegible] Historian [illegible] as clerk [illegible] clerk [illegible] for the ensuing.

Article 1.

Ballot was taken Mr. Charles Dorin was elected to preside as chairman.

Article 2 Treasurer's report. Mr Spinney was unable to be present. [illegible] and accepted. Mr Howes reported as auditor, stated that he had found the accounts of the Treasury and Collector to be correct. report accepted.

Mr. Cook read his report as [illegible] which was accepted. Trustee report was read by Mr. Cook and after the following gentlemen had been duly [illegible] hand upon vote they were declared members of the Society

Art. 8

Mary A Mayo
Marion H Mayo
Elizabeth L Cate

Article 2 The report of the nominating committee was read by Miss Eames and accepted

Article 3 The Society then proceeded to the election of officers and committees [illegible] as follows.

[illegible] were cast [illegible] following named [illegible] the K. C. [illegible]

President J. Addison Chandler
Charles A. Mayo
Vice President [illegible] Bancroft, [illegible] Kilchelhill
[illegible] J. [illegible]
[illegible] Howes
Historian Olive A Prescott
[illegible] Smith [illegible] Knock
Secretary Helen Francis Chase
[illegible] Mrs [illegible] Howes
[illegible] Mrs [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] Smith [illegible] the selection and appointment of a collector with the trustees

Article 5 Voted that the chairman appoint a committee of five to work with the collector in soliciting funds and extending a home to persons not attending our church. The following were appointed: Judith Smith, Mr. Jewett, Mr. Denny, Mrs. Richard Swing and Mr. Albert Francis.

Article 6 Voted that it was the sense of the meeting that Mr. Sabin be requested to continue services next Sunday.

Voted that the appropriation for supplying the pulpit and for the music be left to the Trustees.

Article 7 Voted that it was the sense of the meeting that the Trustees be very careful in allowing persons to attend the use of Unit Hall.

Receipts		Payments	
Ashfield	31.79	Pulpit	1106.64
Coll. class	113.35	Janitor	126.96
Donations	0.00	Choir	300.00
Unity Fund	100.95	Organist	18.75
Pews	211.00	Electric light & Gas	27.51 29.12
Sewing Circle	50.00	Fuel	86.50
Mrs. Melpomene Club	60.00	Expense	19.12
Social Expense	22.00	Insurance	60.60
House Rent	37.00	Collector	34.00
Interest N. J. Bride	100.00	Repairs H. K. Johnson	21.89
Proportion of taxes	211.44	L. Bernardin & Bro.	12.50 6.00
Collections Unitarian Assn.	19.53	Interest 5 Sav. Bk.	50.00
Organ Fund	143.04	N. J. Bride	16.67
Savings Bank Dep. Withdrawn 143.51	85.87	Amer. Unitarian Assn.	19.53
Miss Shippen Gift	100.00	Repair of Organ	143.04
N. J. Bride % house	300.00	Wm. Hall & Bro.	50.00
Short Borrowed	37.65	Stiff's gift	100.00
	2,734.32		2,734.32

Wm. F. Spinney Treas.

Collectors report and Trustees report

[illegible]

Special Meeting of the Christian Union

[illegible] of the Christian Union are hereby notified that a special meeting [illegible] will be held at Unity Hall on [illegible] evening, May 5 1905 at 8 o'clock to act upon the following:

Article I.

[illegible] special meeting

Article II

To [illegible] so that [illegible] a special [illegible] regular [illegible]

Article III

To change the articles of association so that persons removing [illegible] shall not [illegible] have [illegible] the [illegible]

IV

To see if the society will approve the action of the trustees in [illegible] and to take any further action in the matter which may be necessary.

Article V

To transact any further business which may legally come before the meeting

Reading, Mass. April 24 1905.

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May 5th 1900.

Meeting called to order by Clerk and Mr Star was unanimously elected chairman.

Article 2.

Voted that the articles of association be changed to read [illegible] and [illegible]

Article 3

[illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] considered [illegible] unanimously.

Article 4

Unanimously voted to approve the action of the executive committee [illegible] Article.

Article 5

Voted that Mrs Clara E. Brundle be admitted as a member of our union

Voted that two members be appointed to represent our society at the Institution to be held at [illegible]

Meeting adjourned

H. A. Bancroft

Clerk.

Continuation of Annual Meeting
April 3rd 1905

Collector's report.

Received account 1903 & 1904	47.95
do do 1904 & 1905	1085.60
Paid Wm F. Spinney Treas.	1,133.55
amount collectable $38.25	

Harry [illegible] Cook collector.

April 3rd 1905

The Trustees of the Christian Union submit the following report.

Immediately after the annual meeting the trustees met with the advisory board and after discussion it seemed advisable to ask Rev. Stevens to remain as pastor for the ensuing year at a salary of [illegible] hundred dollars. This Rev. Stevens agreed to do.

[illegible] of vote of the annual & special meetings [illegible] in regard to renting the Church to the First Church of Christ Scientist they were informed of our vote and after some time replied stating that it seemed inexpedient to increase their offer [illegible] as would be necessary if they occupied our church at six hundred dollars per year.

Following vote of the Christian Union in regard to sale of property at the corner of Lindenwood St. to Wm. L. Bride the Trustees made the transfer of the property [illegible] $[illegible] in cash and taking a mortgage note on the property for $1000.00. A great part of the time of this work was [illegible] by Mr. J. Smith gratuitously who greatly aided the trustees in the transfer, and to him thanks of the society are due him. Five hundred Dollars of the cash received for the sale we have used in [illegible] the $600.00 [illegible] Miss [illegible] Brown, given for the repairs on the Church in Sept. 1903.

December 1st, [illegible] in the funds the trustees met with the advisory board to consider same. After some discussion it was [illegible] decided to dispense with the choir until the [illegible] saving expense of heating Unity Hall.

The middle of January [illegible] dollars was received from the directors of the Reading Home for Aged Women, which Miss Caroline Phipps had desired the society to have. This sum has been placed [illegible]

[illegible] to discuss plans for raising [illegible] to repair the organ which had been very much out of condition [illegible] noticable since adopting congregational singing. It was decided [illegible] the liberal cause to attend and asten each attendant deposit at the door whatever sum he might wish toward the organ repair, or [illegible] to send such sum. This social was [illegible] result that [illegible]

Mr. W. S. Dennison has [illegible] condition.

[illegible] resignation to take effect [illegible] resignation was accepted at a [illegible] January 27th

During the year we have met three of our members by death, viz. Mrs. Hannah Hodges, who died in April last, aged [illegible] years.

Mrs. Ellen Coy, the twin sister of Mrs. Hannah Hodges, died [illegible]

Respectfully submitted,

[illegible] Clerk

September 27th 1905

A Special [illegible] held at Town Hall, Reading, Wednesday evening, September 27th [illegible] for the purpose of [illegible]

Article 1.

[illegible]

Article 2.

[illegible]

Article 3.

[illegible] Corporation will vote to mortgage the church lot and building on Main street, Reading Village, for an amount not to exceed [illegible] to the [illegible] for the cost of repairing or renewing the [illegible]

Article 4.

[illegible] if the meeting will take any action regarding [illegible] money [illegible] renewing the heating apparatus in the building, and what it will do in relation to [illegible]

Article 5.

[illegible] business that may legally come before the meeting

Per order,

W. A. Bancroft

Reading, Vt. Sept. 19. 1905 Clerk

[illegible]

The clerk called the meeting to order and after reading the call ~~for the meeting~~ [illegible]

On motion, it was voted that the [illegible] he was declared elected.

[illegible]

Under unfavorable conditions [illegible] said that the Trustees had concluded it was best not to attempt to build the house which we now have, [illegible] the same size but larger that we have.

The Trustees think that the Warren Pat. Mfg Co furnace will give a [illegible]

Voted that article be laid on [illegible]

Article 3.

It was admitted that the society [illegible] the Trustees [illegible] number [illegible] was [illegible] to be [illegible].

Article #2.

Article 2 was then taken up on the table and it was voted [illegible] upon [illegible] the heating apparatus for the church and hall and that they [illegible] to make best possible contract with Walker & Pratt Mfg Co and to delay payment on account [illegible] as possible until after the next annual meeting

Meeting adjourned

W A Bancroft Clerk

The members of the Christian Union are hereby notified that a special meeting of the Union will be held at Society Hall Monday evening January 1st 1906 at 7.30 o'clock to act on the following articles

Article 1

To choose a chairman to preside at meeting.

Article 2

To see what action will be taken in regard to admitting new members.

Article 3.

To transact any business which may legally come before the meeting

Per order of the Trustees

Reading Mass Dec 23/05. W. A. Bancroft clerk

January 1st 1906.

The meeting was called to order by the clerk who read the above call for meeting.

On a motion of [illegible] the clerk cast one vote for Charles [illegible] for moderator and he was declared elected.

On motion of [illegible] the following were voted in as members of the union

Mr Edgar Abbott, Mr Frank Hartley, [illegible]
Mrs Frank Abbott, Mrs Frank Hartley, [illegible]
Mr A. [illegible] Clark, Mr [illegible], [illegible]
Mrs A. [illegible] Clark, Mr Franklin [illegible], [illegible]
Miss Mary Shatter, [illegible], [illegible]
Mr Geo Hubbard, Miss [illegible], Mrs Walter [illegible], Mr [illegible]
Mrs Geo Hubbard, Miss Devora [illegible], Dr [illegible] Smalley, Mr [illegible] Hutchinson
Mr Richard [illegible], Mrs Mabel [illegible], " Smalley, Mrs [illegible] Hutchinson
Mrs Richard [illegible], Dr Silas H. Clark, Mrs [illegible]

Voted that the thanks of the gentlemen of the society be extended to the ladies of the society for their work during the recent fair.

Voted that the thanks of the ladies of the society be extended to the gentlemen of the society for their entertaining supper.

Meeting adjourned W. A. Bancroft clerk

April 2 1900

Annual Meeting of the Christian Union

The members of the Christian Union are hereby notified that the annual meeting will be held in Unity Hall, Reading, on Monday evening, April 2, 1900 at 7.30 o'clock to act on the following articles, namely;

Article 1.

To choose a chairman to preside at said meeting

Article 2.

To hear and act on the reports of the Treasurer Collector, Trustees and all Committees.

Article 3

To choose a Clerk, Board of Trustees, Treasurer Collector and all other necessary officers for the ensuing year.

Article 4

To choose Committees on Music, Entertainment, Charity, Hospitality and all other necessary Committees for the ensuing year.

Article 5

To see what action the Society will take regarding repairs to Church Building and to Unity Hall and how much money they will appropriate therefor.

Article 6.

To see what action shall be taken to raise funds for the support of the Society for the ensuing year.

Article 7

To see what action shall be taken to supply the pulpit for the ensuing year.

Article 8.

To see how much money the Society will appropriate for the Pulpit, music and other necessary expenses.

Article 9

To act upon any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Per order of the Trustees

Reading Mass. March 19, 1900. Secretary of Christian Union

April 2 1906. Annual Meeting
Meeting of Institute was called to order
with 19 members present.
Miss Mary A. Bancroft was elected Clerk
pro tem.

Article 1

Clerk was instructed to cast one vote for Chas
Stanley as chairman and he was elected.

Article 2

Treasurer's report was read and accepted
Collectors " " " " "
and it was voted that a vote of thanks be
extended to Miss Emma Dick for ~~free~~ services
rendered ~~free~~
Trustees report read and accepted
Report of Secretary of Sec. Day School was accepted
" " Treasurer " Institute " " "
" " Secretary of Melpomene " " " "
" " Charity was $11.35 on hand report accepted.
" " Subscription committee read and accepted
" " Gleaners " " " "
" " Evening Circle " " "
" " Finance Committee read and accepted
" " Audition " " "

Article #3

XX ~~Voted that the clerk cast one vote for~~
~~Wilbur F. Dean for clerk.~~
~~voted~~ From the Clerk's Cash in accordance
with Board of Trustees as presented by the
nominating committee and the motion
~~carried~~ to the Hilton Street Library
Committee, specimen examination, Institute field.

XX Voted that we hear reports from the Trustees and
take up Article #7.

Article 9.

The names of Miss Vernie Minot Tude
Sigourney Williams that were presented
for membership and on vote were admitted

[illegible] by [illegible] of the labels
[illegible] of the nominating committee
read and accepted.

Articles

[illegible] office of Town Clerk be
continued.

Voted that the clerk cast one ballot for
[illegible] as clerk.

Voted that the clerk cast one ballot for
the Board of Trustees as handed in by
the nominating committee. Cathrine
Mansfield, Chas. A. Laing, [illegible] K. Jewett
William [illegible], Eva [illegible],

Voted that the clerk cast one ballot
for Wm. F. Spinney as treasurer.

Voted that the clerk cast one ballot
for Miss Minnie K. Eames as collector

Voted that the clerk cast one ballot
for Olive A. Prescott as historian

Voted that [illegible] the [illegible] be
same as last year. Mr. Smith, Miss
[illegible].

Voted that balance of committees
be voted upon in their entirety.
[illegible] upon at one time.

Ballot was cast for the following
Auditor, F. Duel Howes.
Sexton, [illegible] Howes, James
[illegible] Smith.
Decorating, Miss [illegible]
Finance, Mr. C. Hartwell Smith, [illegible]
[illegible]
Nominating Committee, Mr. F. Duel Howes
[illegible] Mrs. [illegible]
[illegible] Mansfield

Moved to pass over article [illegible]

Article 5. Article 6.

Voted [illegible] in hands of Trustees

Voted that the question of interior [illegible] be left in the hands of the Trustees [illegible] with the understanding that the [illegible] shall not exceed [illegible] dollars.

Article 8.

Voted that the solicitors [illegible] the terms per [illegible].

Article 7

Voted that [illegible] be [illegible] United States [illegible] for the [illegible] office. The matter standing [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]

Voted [illegible]

Moved to adjourn and to partake of refreshments.

J. P. Bennett

Clerk.

[illegible]

the annual meeting to June 11th, we continued to pay Mr Parker & others $15.00

[illegible]

may be arranging time arrangements were made for the coming Ordination and [illegible]

The Third Trustees meeting [illegible] made [illegible] for two men each Sunday, and laying out a schedule of dates for these [illegible].

The Sunday School [illegible] took [illegible] part in the demonstration we present and assisted in the exercises which were both interesting and instructive. The trustees were fully appreciative of the co-operation which they received from the Sunday School, such a successful occasion would have been impossible [illegible] came [illegible] present. It was voted to look into the matter of new furnaces. It was voted to engage Mr. Sennat as janitor for the ensuing year [illegible] Sept 1st. [illegible]

The Sunday before vacation the Society [illegible] a delightful [illegible] held at Atlantic City.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

The result was most gratifying, 34 names being added at this time.

[illegible]

[illegible] be held [illegible]

[illegible] form of a [illegible]

[illegible] and the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Mr. Van Voge [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

The reports of [illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible] of [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] $140. [illegible] away

[illegible] separate)

[illegible]

[illegible] $110.00 less,

[illegible] $30.00 [illegible]

[illegible] $[illegible].61 [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] two

[illegible] Hall

[illegible] no [illegible] "fair"

[illegible] no [illegible]

[illegible] has

[illegible] vicinity

[illegible] these repairs at a cost [illegible] according

[illegible] account.

[illegible] doing this

[illegible]

Financial Secretary's Report 1905-6

The [illegible] 27 and they subscribed 260.50 - 20 old [illegible] increased their subscriptions $13.60 - 18 old [illegible]

Finance Committee's Report 1905-6

[illegible]

seal

has at present 95 scholars and 16

We feel encouraged

average attendance of 56 and from

Sundays

taking

the

in

three

[illegible]

[illegible] $66.00

" " outside " 1.[illegible]

" " Sch. for [illegible] 6.50

Total [illegible]

[illegible] 50.00

" " Seven Pictures 22.00

" " Pictures for the [illegible] 15

Total [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Sewing Circle 1905

The L. S. A. or Sewing Circle as it is known will meet on Thursday [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] 1905 [illegible]

[illegible] attendance of 17.

[illegible]

$1.03

[illegible] 1.12

[illegible]

[illegible] 1.00

[illegible] 1.25

$1.60

[illegible]

[illegible] Stamford Church,

[illegible]

of their work [illegible]

meeting.

The first active work of the club was during the [illegible]

about $22.00 Dec. 27 an invitation dance [illegible]

$12.00 [illegible] the [illegible]

Collectors report
Received from subscriptions $1,244.40
" " sundry items [illegible]
" " [illegible] 37.10
$1,535.85

Monthly collections 20.74
Paid out [illegible] 5.20
[illegible]

Collectors report 1906

Treasurer's report for year ending Mar. 31st 06

Receipts		Expenses	
Subscriptions	1,732.40	Pulpit	$1,139.53
" for instrument	31.10	Music	161.00
Collections	276.15	Fuel	11[illegible].75
" for AUA	48.73	[illegible]	[illegible].63
[illegible]	150.00	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	30.11	[illegible]	1[illegible].60
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	6[illegible].25
[illegible]	60.00	[illegible]	60.00
[illegible]	10.00	[illegible]	60.00
		[illegible]	40.85
		" "	14.19
		[illegible]	37.65
		Incidentals	102.37
			1,893.75
		Balance	140.24
	2033.99		$2033.99

The expenses under the head of incidentals are [illegible] $48, [illegible] $12.24, [illegible] $21.30. [illegible] small items.

The receipts contained a [illegible] sum of $[illegible].00 [illegible] $21.30, [illegible] $1[illegible].53 [illegible] $51.64. These contributions are from the ~~[illegible]~~ tables at the Fair and are included in the receipts from the Fair [illegible] something [illegible] the Fair account distinct from the [illegible].

Balance in Treasury Gen'l a/c		140.24
" " " Fair a/c		555.61
		$695.85

There is in the Mechanics Savings Bank $100. [illegible] expenses [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] on the church when they are paid.

Treasurers report Mens Fair

Received from Wm Dane	$153.14	
" " Mr Jewett	5 00	
" " " Nadlin	5 00	
		$1,163.99
[illegible] Cider Co	$7.86	
" J. W. Austin	24.75	
" [illegible]	1.50	
Twombleys	9.50	
[illegible]	7.7	
[illegible]	.23	55.71
		$1,110.28
Paid		
[illegible]	4[illegible].00	
" [illegible]	60.67	$554.67
Balance on hand		$555.61

[illegible]

April 1st [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] o'clock, to act on the following business, viz:

" #1 To [illegible]

" #2 To [illegible] union

" #3 To hear and act on the reports of the Treasurer, Collector, Historian, Trustees and all Committees

" #4 To [illegible] Board of Trustees, Treasurer [illegible] for ensuing year.

" #5 To [illegible] Spelling Bee and other [illegible] ensuing year.

" #6 To [illegible] to the Library reading room.

" #7 To [illegible] that may be taken to raise [illegible] the Society.

" #8 To [illegible]

" #9 To [illegible] that may be taken to [illegible] the Society.

" #10 To [illegible] will [illegible] and [illegible]

" #11 To act on any other business that may come before the meeting.

By order of the Trustees

[illegible]

Dated [illegible] 22, 1901.

Annual meeting April 1 1907

The annual meeting of the Christian Endeavor was held April 1st 1907. The clerk read call for meeting and under which he stated was called that the clerk read

Reading

Election for C. H. Smith, Pres. Christian Endeavor

Article #2

Laid on table

Article 3

Reports of Treasurer, Secretary be accepted

" " Corresponding " " " " "

Reports of officers and committees accepted

" " Historian " " " " "

" " Lookout " " " " "

" " Prayer " " " " "

" " Music " " " " "

" " Visiting " Executives

" " Junior Christian Endeavor not to be accepted

" " Treasurer " " " "

" " Social Committee " " " "

" " Mission Band " " " "

" " Audit Committee " " " "

Election

Article #4

Clerk

Moved, seconded and carried that the clerk be instructed to cast the ballot for the officers reported by the nominating committee, that is, the clerk.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn, seconded, carried.

Attest: Mrs. Hattie Lewis, Clerk

Mrs. Mary M. Lewis
President, Christian Endeavor
Secretary " " "

April 1 Annual Meeting - March 1st 1907.

[illegible]

[illegible] that

[illegible] a ballot for

committees as reported by the nominating

committee [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Decorating Miss Eva [illegible] Mrs. [illegible] Nourse

Robinson, Mrs. A. J. Francis Miss [illegible]

Voted that the visiting and hospitality committees be left with the pastor.

Voted that the Finance Committee be [illegible] which

[illegible] in their committee

Article 6.

Voted that our Pastor Vinnie H. Parker and his wife be [illegible] for life

members to the American Unitarian Association

Article 7

Voted [illegible] continue our present method

for collection of funds

Article 8.

Voted that the question of [illegible]

[illegible] put for the [illegible] with

the Trustees with [illegible]

Article 9.

Voted that the appropriation of funds for heat

[illegible] and other expenses be left to the

Trustees

Article 10

Voted that the question of additional seats

[illegible] for Unity Hall, [illegible] windows and rearrangement of water pipes for the kitchen be left

[illegible] with the trustees.

Adjourned

N. A. Bancroft Clerk

April 1 1907 — Trustees' Report April 1st 1907

To the Christian Union:-

The trustees elected at the annual meeting of April 2, 1906, present herewith their report for the year ending April 1st 1907.

The year has been one of activity and trouble with temporary relations, and the chief points for consideration arranged in official order. The trustees organized by electing Mr. W. J. Mansfield Treasurer and Mr. J. D. Dennison Secretary.

Financial — On Soliciting Committee Messrs. Everett, Francis, Hutchinson and Torrey declined to serve on the soliciting committee and Mrs. Eddy and Mr. Ward also declined to serve on the committee with the treasurer.

Trustees Report

Support of Pastor — It was voted at the annual meeting of April 2 1906 - "That the matter of salary be left (the pastor) to settle with us after the conditions of the finances are ascertained."

The Trustees appointed a committee to wait upon the pastor, who reported being engaged for one year from June 11th 1906 at a salary of $1,250.00 and an increase of $100.00.

Church Property — It was voted at the annual meeting of April 2 1906:- "That the question of the decoration and repair of both the Church and Parish House be left with the Trustees and Mrs. Eddy, with the understanding that the cost of the exterior and interior repairs should not exceed $600.00." After consultation with Mrs. Eddy specifications were adopted for the decoration of the Parish House platform, factors room, Hall and the Kindergarten rooms and Church vestibule.

Contracts filed for work for fiscal year 1907 & 1907-8

Bids were received and opened, and the contract awarded to the Imperial Roofing Co. The bids were as follows: Cody $212.00, Imperial Roofing Co. $200.00. The contract was awarded to Cody. The work was done under the supervision of a committee consisting of Messrs. Edwards, Wilson and Jewitt and completed before the reopening of the church after the summer vacation.

Bids were asked for the repairing of the roof with Bare, and the roofers the Church Vestibule, from Messrs Stewart & Hanson, H & R Hanson, George Ellis and Sancroft, and H. Gray. Bids received were, H & R Hanson $7.00 per m. for staining inside church $250.00

George Ellis roofing
including painting $171.00 staining
church & vestibule $200.00
" " $125.00 staining

The contract was awarded to Messrs Hanson & Gray at a total cost of $276.00

The above named firms submitted repairs, work. The roof was guaranteed for one year, and no more minor repairs have been made by the contractor during the past fall and winter, Summer decorating $212.00, repairs $276.

The work cost $8.00 in excess of the appropriation, but the surplus on hand from the "Building Fund" was $600.00, no demand was made on the regular church funds for the decorating and repair work.

Heating The system of heating called the "Gray" 1905 & was found to be unsatisfactory, and it was voted by the Trustees to continue the system for the ensuing year. The Trustees express their appreciation of the prompt and

Trustees have carefully considered the problem, with a view to reducing expenses during the past year, having arrangements for extending the vacation. Year ending April 1st 1907 there will be a corresponding reduction.

Year 1906-7

Insurance The insurance on the church property is as follows

Building $12,000. Furniture $1000, Organ $1000. During the year four policies, carrying $6500. have been renewed at a cost of $26.25

During the coming year five policies carrying 6000. expire. The cost of the renewals with the stamps $5.00.

Finances As stated in the Trustees' report, the income for the year (1906-7) has been $2150 and the expenses $2145.77 with a balance in the treasury of $110.00 with no unpaid pledges. The mortgage on land at Lake Ossmond consists of four notes bearing interest at 6% amounting to $297.90.

Regarding the financial condition of the church, the following figures show the income for the three years ending

	1904-5	1905-6	1906-7
Subscriptions	1133.55	1232.40	1366.95
Sunday Collections		226.15	222.49
Affiliated societies	421.90	280.11	573.23
Expenses	2029.00	1890	

Attendance at Church service. The average attendance per Sunday is 206 a gain of 8 over the previous year.

Disciplinary During the year about 12 additional families have become attendants at the Church services. There are now 200 in attendance.

Deaths During the year 16 deaths have occurred, the names are associated with the society as follows;

Trustees elected Apr 1 1907 Year 1906-7

William A Bird,	Mrs Eliza A Safford
Francis Barton	Nomad Hamilton
William Sayles	Mary Brazier
Mrs N D Stoodley (Sewing Circle)	Henry Richardson
Jacob Bancroft	Mrs Diana Freeman
Miss Emma Eaton	Mrs J A Sargent
Mrs Abbart Felix (Lydia Felix)	George Eldridge
Lidian Flower	Howard Smith
Edwin Johnson	Mrs Cram

Recommendations. The trustees would recommend for the consideration of this meeting at by the new board of trustees the following.

Additional seats for Unity Hall.
Double windows for Unity Hall
Rearrangement of water pipes so that water can be returned in the kitchen during the winter months.

In conclusion, it has been the endeavor of the trustees to manage the affairs of the Church, on a conservative basis. The Church property is in a good condition & retains its finances. The spirit of the church is encouraging. We spirit attend to co-operation for the good of the church, persistent praying for pastor, the individual members of the church, and the affiliated societies.

The outlook of the Christian Union is most encouraging, and there can be no question but that it is steadily becoming a stronger unit and a stronger factor for the moral and spiritual benefit of the community.

Respectfully submitted

Jos. Arthur Mansfield
Eva A Litchfield
Wm S Dennison
Arthur H Jewett

Treasurer's Report 1906-7

Treasurer's Report - April 1, 1907

Receipts		Payments	
Collector	1708.49	Sulpit	1318.34
Treasurer	133.23	Choir	227.50
Unity Club	180.	Janitor	103.96
Methomone	60	Fuel	151.75
E. Hunt & Son Music	46	Electlights	20.14
Mrs. Est. Interest	200	Gas	8.25
San Francisco collection	120	Insurance	90.25
collection for conference	18.10	Interest	57.50
	2465.82	Sociable	23.82
on hand		Pulpit	4.75
April 1st 06 Cash. 140.24		San Francisco	120.00
" " fanfud 555.61		A.M.A.	100.00
" " " " 10.00	705.85	E. J. Bancroft	216.00
	3.171.67	H. Cook	216.50
		H. R. Johnson	22.21
		Sundry Expense	59.76
			2873.77
		Cash on hand	297.90
			$3.171.67

Sundry expenses

Flowers	4.90
~~annual party~~	4.95
Piano	3.00
Transfer	4.30
Janitor	7.00
Hanscom	8.75
Brother	6.00
Guild	8.13
Sundry	12.73
	(59.76)

Reg. expenses 2120
Gain at sale 150

From the above, receipts to is $120. for San Francisco and $100. for A.M.A. making the amount collected for the church, $1608.49 by collector.

There is a demand note out for $300.00 in Mechanics Savings Bank there is $106.22 and W. F. Spinney Trus. Reading April 1st, 1907.

Collectors Report 1906-7

Collectors Report

collected from last year	19.05	
sunday collections	222.49	
subscriptions	1366.75	1608.49
Special collections		
San Francisco	120.00	
Conference	18.10	
Charity	14.70	
Union Unitarian Assn	100.00	257.80

uncollected 57.00 "2.00 45.

Fannie R. Eaton
collector

Finance Committee Report April 1st 1900

The finance committee for the past year started in energetically and begun working work, and succeeded in securing 106 subscribers amounting to $1412.00 against 96 subscribers last year, the total income for the year being $1472.

It is earnestly hoped that this year the members of the congregation will make the collection partially upon their own, and not leave it all to the committee, as that will greatly hinder the Trustees in planning the work for the year.

For the Committee

P. J. Smith Chairman

Trustees

The Trustees submit the following short report of its work.

As is well known the Trustees began the year with a debt of $110 [illegible] and we were [illegible] to pay the interest on the mortgage, [illegible] the debt, [illegible] expenses of Parsonage, [illegible] Sunday School, [illegible] expenses. In spite the fact that the [illegible] to contribute [illegible] we found ourselves at the end of the year [illegible] $51.00 and we were [illegible] to call Mr. Clarence [illegible] to preach the fourth Sunday of [illegible] and his services as soloist for Easter, but the action of the Committee [illegible] the extraordinary expense [illegible] Mr. [illegible] the work, and we [illegible] to make an appropriation [illegible] sufficient to permit the Committee to engage some soloist for every Sunday in the year.

[illegible]

[illegible]

April 1 1907

Sewing Circle Report April 1907 to June 1906 7

The Sewing Circle is the oldest social society connected with the Christian Church. It has met the first Friday of each month throughout the year, except in the months of July and August, when it was served at about 6.30 p.m. There work consists mostly the making of quilts, aprons, and other articles.

They have met only 9 times in the past year, owing to the severe weather, but have begun to improve again with the settling of the weather. They have taken in the past year for dues and donations and payment for articles sold $110.47 and have paid for articles, taxes and water $24.12.

Respectfully submitted
Mrs. E. L. Clapp Sec'y

Sewing Circle Report June 1906 7

Receipts		Payments	
Balance May 1st	80.00	Mr. Spinney June 10	80.00
Whitelock 19	17.15	" Feb 1st	25.00
Thanksgiving Supper	16.30	" Mar 25	75.00
Cash Sundry	10.00	Christmas Gift	17.60
Dues & donations	10.00	[illegible]	10.00
" " "	10.00	Balance on hand	
Matinee Mar 15	30.05	at close of year	.57
Dues	8.25		$198.17
	173.35		
On hand 1st of year	4.82		
	178.17		

Melpomene Club

[illegible]

The following entertainments, in the form of the Club Minstrels, given at the Town Hall, Weston.

[illegible] dances and entertainments "have been given which have brought in something over $75.00 of which $60.00 has been turned in to the church treasury, leaving the club a balance of about $2[illegible]

[illegible] new members have been added to the membership during the year.

At the last annual meeting of the club the following officers for the year were elected:

Pres. Helen E. Hagar Sec. Ivy A. Cook
Sec. Jennie Cole Treas. Dolly E. Gleason
Member Exec. Com. Emma J. Nichols

For the club,
Jennie E. Cole Sec.

Sunday School Report April 1 07 to Apr. 1 07

The Christian Union Sunday School is composed of classes for everybody including one for the small children just starting in and also an adult class under the pastor to which everybody is invited. Since last Sept. we have added 28 new scholars which gives us [illegible] on the roll. We have had this year an average attendance of 77 per cent against 67 per cent for last year.

We are studying a direct from the Bible lesson general review from time to time [illegible] the school are interested and [illegible] great deal.

During last winter we gave a sleighing party to a number of poor children and Easter opened packed some [illegible] for Christmas and Sunday Schools and a number of [illegible] for the Field Mission [illegible] taking on a fine basis

and we would ask for the help of every
body in the church to make our work
better and for us to be coming year
Respectfully submitted
[illegible]

Nov. 15. 1907.

[illegible] Meeting [illegible]

[illegible] 1907, at 7 o'clock, to act on the following [illegible];

Article 1.

To choose a chairman to preside at said meeting.

Article 2

To see what action shall be taken in regard to repairing the church.

Article 3.

[illegible]

[illegible] that [illegible] the meeting

[illegible]

N. A. Bancroft

Clerk

Reading Mass Nov 8 1907.

The [illegible] meeting was called to order by the Clerk and after reading the warrant for the meeting

Chairman

[illegible] was elected chairman

Article 2

[illegible] and seconded [illegible] to renovate the church and do such outside painting as is necessary.

Article 3

[illegible] committee be appointed to raise funds to do the necessary

restoration and repairing.

Voted that the committee be authorized by the chairman and clerk to have it done.

The chairman appointed as the committee Messrs. Wilson, Gordon & Spencer.

Committee appointed and dismissed.

Voted that committee have full power to enlarge membership of committee and to fill any vacancies.

Voted that the work of restoration be done under direction of the committee.

Voted and passed the 7th inst.

Martin Adjourned

D. W. Hancock

Clerk.

During the meeting a subscription paper was passed to gentlemen among the members present now to help the committee as much as possible. This consisted of pledges being given amounting to $40.00.

Committee appointed and dismissed.

work start during evening $40.00

[illegible]

[illegible]

a special meeting of the Union in Unity Hall [illegible] Wednesday evening [illegible]

following [illegible]

Article 1.

[illegible] choose a chairman to preside at [illegible]

Article 2.

[illegible] admit any persons who wish to become members of the Union.

Article 3.

[illegible] ~~who wish to join the~~ Union.

Article 3.

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting [illegible]

The order of the Trust [illegible]

[illegible] 1908.

Reading, [illegible] 1st 1908

The [illegible] meeting [illegible] on date [illegible]

Roll for meeting [illegible] and on motion [illegible] of chairman

The following [illegible] were presented for membership, and were voted admitted

Arthur B. Nichols [illegible] D. Upton

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Clerk

Annual Meeting April 6th 1908

The members of the Christian Union are hereby notified that the annual meeting will be held in Unity Hall, Reading, on Monday evening the April 6th 1908 at 7:30 o'clock, to act on the following articles, namely;

Article 1 To choose a chairman to preside at said meeting.

Article 2 To admit any new members who wish to join the Union

Article 3 To hear and act on the reports of the Treasurer, collector, auditor, historian Trustees and all committees.

Article 4 To choose a clerk, Board of Trustees Treasurer, Collector, Historian and all other necessary officers for the ensuing year.

Article 5 To choose Committees on Music, Reception and all other necessary committees for the ensuing year.

Article 6 To choose a fifth member to the American Unitarian Association

Article 7 To see if the Christian Union will vote to borrow five hundred dollars in anticipation of payment of the balance due from the sale of house on Sanborn St.

Article 8 To see what action shall be taken to raise funds for the support of the society for the ensuing year.

Article 9 To see what action shall be taken to supply the pulpit for the ensuing year.

Article 10 To see how much money the society will appropriate for the pulpit, music and other necessary expenses.

Article 11 To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting

Per order of the Trustees,
H. A. Bancroft
Clerk

Reading Mass March 27 1908

Annual Meeting April 1908

Annual Meeting April 6 1908.

The annual meeting of the Christian Church was held on the evening of April 6 1908. The clerk read the call for meeting and on motion duly seconded voted that they cast one ballot for Rev. D. X. Higgins as chairman.

Meeting organized

There being present it was voted that they cast one ballot for Rev. D. X. Higgins for chairman.

Records read and accepted

Records of last meeting were read and accepted

Members admitted

Voted that the following names presented be admitted as members of the Christian Church. Jessie N. Lane, Arline E. Higgins, R. Mabel Hunter, Ivan W. Smith, Charles E. Jackins, Harry Brookhouse, Florence Brookhouse, Walter S. Davis, Anna K. Davis.

Article 3

Reports of offices and committees accepted

Report of Treasurer read and accepted
" " Collector " " "
" " Trustees verbal "
" " Finance Com. read " "
" " Auditor verbal "
" " Ministerial " "
" " Charity com. " "
" " Music " read " "
" " Sewing Circle " " "
" " Cleaners " " "
" " Unity Club " " "
" " Philomene " " " "
" " Sunday School verbal "
" " Decorating Com. " "
" " Nominating " read and accepted

Voted to extend to the Officers Pastor and Teachers of the Sunday school a hearty vote of thanks for the earnest work.

Apr 6/08 Voted to act on articles #4 & #5 at one time

Article 4 & 5

Voted that the clerk cast one ballot for list of officers and committees as reported by nominating committee. This was done and the following were declared elected

Trustees Alvah W. Clarke, Wm. S. Dennison, Leo W. S. Ide, Arthur H. Jewett, Chas. E. Judkins

Clerk W. A. Bancroft.

Treasurer Wm. F. Spinney

Collector Minnie K. Eames

Finance Com. W. V. Adden, Mary A. Bancroft, A. V. Dane, Mrs Julia P. Ide, Archer R. Prentiss, Miss Gertrude L. Ruggles, W. I. Ruggles, E. M. Sawyer

Historian Miss Olive Prescott

Music Com. Miss Emma Adden, Miss Flora M. Ramsay, C. Winthrop Smith

Reception Com. Chas. W. Abbott, Mr & Mrs W. V. Adden, Dr & Mrs W. E. Brande, Mrs Alvah W. Clarke, Mrs Charlotte Ferguson, Mrs Albert J. Francis, Mrs Fred P. Harvey, Miss Marion A. Howes, Mr & Mrs D. F. Hunt, Mrs Julia P. Ide, Mr & Mrs C. A. Loring, Miss Mabel H. Robinson, Mr & Mrs H. G. Stablin

Lookout Com. Mrs. Horace E. Eames, Mrs Albert J. Francis, Mrs. Alice B. Ruggles, Mrs Elbridge Smith

Decoration Com. Miss Frances Ruggles

Old Ladies Home Com. Mrs. M. E. Brande, Miss Charlotte Clapp, Mrs. E. M. Sawyer.

Ushers Clapp, Ernest E. Harley Brookhouse, Edgar M. Hunt, Leslie Arthur E. Libby, Jesse H. Morton, Henry Robinson, Samuel D. Rounds and Earl B. Sawyer.

Nominating Com. Adden Willard V. Miss Helen Brown, Richard Loring, Mrs S. H. Parks

Calendar Com. Wm Tucker

Tract Supply Miss Clementine Prescott

Apr 6/08

Article 6.

T. Hutchinson Voted that Mr. Edwin V. Hutchinson be appointed a delegate to the Massachusetts Anti-Saloon League

Article 7

Voted to ratify the action of the Trustees in borrowing $500.00

Article 8.

Voted that we continue our present method of collecting funds

Article 9 & 10

Voted that Articles nine and ten be left with the Trustees.

Article 11

Voted that a special vote of thanks be extended to our Treasurer Mr. Wm F. Spinney who has served us for the past 18 years a standing vote was called which was unanimous

Vote of thanks to Mr. Spinney

Voted that a special vote of thanks be extended to Mrs. Lowing who has served on the Music committee for so many years a standing vote was called which was unanimous.

Com. to repair kitchen and small room near stage

Voted that a committee to consist of five members two of which are to be ladies be chosen to repair the kitchen and small room at left of platform in Town Hall. This committee after consulting with Trustees and Finance committee to report at some future meeting

Meeting adjourned

A. M. Carlton

Clerk

Apr 6/08

Treasurer's report for year ending April 6. 1908

Rec'pts collector	$1486.89	Paid Minister	$1475.00
Interest	159.16	Janitor	99.96
Unity Club	150.00	Choir	287.50
Gleaners	100.00	Insurance	54.97
Sewing Circle	50.00	Fuel	149.75
	1,946.05	Interest	36.00
On hand first of year	299.90	Elect Lt.	20.38
		Gas	9.89
		Furnace (Frannis Bros)	17.30
		Sundry small bills	86.23
			$2,237.23
		Balance on hand	8.72
	$2,245.95		2,245.95

291

Expenses have been $271.18 more than income.

Cash in National Bank	365.97
" " Savings "	210.88
Total	$576.85

$53.02 xx collected yesterday for Hall. Blessing included in cash in bank but not in the above account of the year's business.

In June the Mortgage on the house was transferred from the Bride Estate to Edwin H. Blood.

Mr. Blood paying $1400. of it the same $1000. of which was paid on Church Mortgage 200. Paid note
100. put in savings bank.
1400.

In December Mr. Blood paid on the mortgage $2346.21
Gave Mr Jewett Shuckfan 2000.00
Now due on mortgage 253.79 xx

Respectfully submitted
W. F. Spurney Trea.

Reading Mass April 6th 1908

Collector's report for 1907 & 1908

Received from subscriptions 1311.10

" " " Last year " 25 00

" " Sunday collections 172.19

Total

Paid Treasurer

Report Balance in collector's hands

1907 1908 Not collected 73 good 100.30

Special collections Sunday school 19.54

" " Charity 7.69

" " A. U. A. 53.02

$8025

The expenses of the collector for this year were only 3.00 but as the books on hand are all used the expenses for next year will be more

Minnie K. Eames Collector

Finance Committee, Report

We have to report that $1416.40 has been added to the subscription fund by 100 persons, 10 persons have never pledged before, but they have contributed with the best of them.

Some will fall, and the increase some of our old subscribers have made cannot be so great. Some of our former subscribers have moved, reduced their pledges or not given this year the net gain is not so large as last year

Respectfully submitted

Mary A. Sanborn

Feb 6/08 Music Committee Report

Received from Mrs Spring, Treasurer since Sept 1st, 1907, to date, Feb 1st 1908 $17.00

Left from Mrs. Black 5.00

" " Mrs Lawrence 1.00

$200.00

Music Committee Report

Paid Miss McKeen for playing organ 29 Sundays & Christmas Sept 1 (4.00 per Sunday) $116.00

October Assembly 3.00

Boy for blowing organ .50

Total for Organist 119.50

Leaving 80.50 200.00

The Sewing Circle Report:

The Sewing Circle is composed mostly of the ladies of the church. We have about two years members and have held 18 meetings, some of the meetings the past year were held only in the afternoon & evening. We have always served supper before going to their homes. The meetings are held in the church in Unity Hall except during the winter when it is too cold and damp.

Our main work of the year has been furnishing and taking care of the comfort, although we have received the money as fast as the demands of repairs, lamps and furniture that the church make.

We have this year given to the church the sum of $50. from our treasury.

The members of the Sewing Circle would recommend to the trustees that they appoint the organ committee composed of one member from each of the organizations with the society to look out for the kitchen dishes, table linen &c. and be responsible for order.

Mary E. Clapp

Secretary

Sewing Circle Report

The Steamers

The Steamers have held 14 meetings with a membership of 31. average attendance 18. J. J. Kinney Treasurer has been paid $100. from the proceeds of the bake, a table at the bake, [illegible] lunch, apron and cake [illegible] made by the members.

Charlotte E. Clapp Sec.

Treasurers report of the Steamers

Cash on hand Apr 11/07	3.52	Paid Mr. Stimpson	100.00
Interest [illegible]	3.00	" Paid Dr. Daly	10.14
Received Kinney Apron & cake	21.00	" [illegible]	2.00
Dr Treasurer Bake [illegible]	19.40	" W. E. & J. Printing	2.00
Expense [illegible] Apr 1/08	21.41	" Express & ferriage	
[illegible]	28.01	[illegible]	.60
[illegible]	16.00		114.54
Donation	2.85	on hand	1.52
	121.06		$121.06

Received of Treas. Trustees Charity Fund, Feb 1st 1908 $100. 4/6/08
Interest actually paid $100. as stated in the January

Dance Oct 21	10.65	June 1	100.
Dance Nov 14	10.12	Mar 14	20
Thanksgiving bake	11.41	Apr 1	20
Hunt Feb 19/08	10.06	Christmas Party	18.73
" Mar 24	11.90		.73
Dues	9.00	Balance	2.35
Cash and rent of tables	1.94		
	$171.08		$171.08

Clara G. Brande
Treasurer

Feb 68 Wolfsomen Club Report

The annual meeting of the Wolfsomen Club was held Jan 20 and the following officers were elected.

Pres Miss Helen Hagen

Vice Pres Mrs Hel. Fuche

Sec. Miss Annie Lee

Treas. Mrs Harriet Gleason

Mem. Com. Mrs Minnie Nichols

The Club has given it in dancing parties during the hard winter all of which have been very successful in a social way and at least satisfactorily.

We now have in the bank the sum of $24.00.

Fanny Lee Sec

[illegible] Special Meeting June 2 1908.
Notice is hereby given that there
will be a meeting of the Christian
[illegible] Hall, Reading Mass.,
[illegible] June 2, 1908
at eight o'clock, to act on the following
articles

Art. 1.

[illegible]

Art. 2.

[illegible]

Art. 3

[illegible]

[illegible] that
[illegible]

J. J. Edwards of [illegible]
H. A. Ramsdell
Reading Mass May 26 1908.

Reading Mass June 2 1908

The Special meeting of the Christian Union was held this evening.

Article 1

clerk elected — On motion clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Mr. C. Winthrop Smith for chairman and he was declared elected

Article 2

Voted to lay article on table

Article 3

Kitchen Com. to report later — Verbal report of committee on repairs to kitchen and parlor was that they had made some progress and would report at a later date.

Article 2

Article 2 taken from table

To change stage and adjoining rooms to make parlor. — Voted that the Trustees be authorized to make such change to the stage and etc. adjoining side rooms in Unity Hall as is necessary to make a suitable parlor substantially as planned by Mr. Adden. The expenses to be met by funds donated to the society for that purpose.

On motion made and seconded

To borrow $1000. — vote was taken to authorize the trustees to borrow one thousand (1000) dollars

Sum due: C.U. to improve and decorate church property — from the Building Loan Fund of the American Unitarian Association for the purpose of improving and decorating the church property. Seventeen (17) voted in favor none opposed.

Meeting adjourned

With Benediction

Clerk.

Special Meeting June 2, 1905.

Notice was hereby given that there will be a special meeting of the Trustees to be held on Friday evening June 2nd 1905, at eight o'clock, to act on the following articles,

Article 1.

To choose a chairman to preside at said meeting.

Article 2.

Shall the corporation vote to raise and expend one thousand dollars ($1000.00), for the purpose of repairing and decorating the church building: and discuss the wisdom or role of the corporation, therefore secured on a mortgage on the church property.

Article 3.

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting

Per order of the Trustees
Will Bennett
Clerk.

Reading Mass June 15 1908.

Reading Mass June 22 1908

A special meeting of the Union was held this day.

The meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock and under article 1. Mr. C. W. Smith was elected chairman.

Article 2

To see if the corporation will vote to borrow, not exceeding one thousand Dollars, for the purpose of repairing and decorating the church building; and issue the notes or note of the corporation therefor, secured by a mortgage on the church property. The proposed mortgage to The American Unitarian Association having been presented and considered, it was

Voted "That the Treasurer, William F. Spinney, be authorized and instructed to sign, seal, acknowledge and deliver in the name and on behalf of the Christian Union, the mortgage to The American Unitarian Association, which has been presented, and to sign, and to deliver to The American Unitarian Association the note of the Corporation for one thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) payable in equal installments of one hundred Dollars ($100.00) each year without interest."

Meeting adjourned

Clerk pro tem

Annual Meeting April 5 1909

The members of the Christian Union are hereby notified that the annual meeting of will be held in Unity Hall, Reading, on Monday evening April 5 1909 at 7.30 o'clock to act on the following articles, namely:—

Article 1.

To choose a chairman to preside at said meeting

Article 2

To admit any new members who wish to join the Union.

Article 3

To hear and act on the reports of the Treasurer, Collector, Auditor, Historian, Trustees and all comittees.

Article 4

To choose a Clerk, Board of Trustees Treasurer, Collector, Historian and all other necessary officers for the ensuing year

Article 5

To choose committees on Music, Receptions and all other necessary Committees for the ensuing year.

Article 6.

To choose a life member to The American Unitarian Association.

Article 7.

To authorize the Treasurer to borrow during the year in anticipation of the collection of subscriptions for said year, such sums of money as may be necessary for current expenses, not to exceed $300.00, giving the notes of the Christian Union therefore payable within six months from date

Article 8.

To see what action shall be taken to raise funds for the support of the Union for the ensuing year.

Article 9.

To see what action shall be taken to supply the pulpit for the ensuing year.

Article 10.

To see how much money the society will appropriate for the pulpit, music and other necessary expenses.

Article 11.

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Per order of the Trustees

W. A. Bancroft

Reading, Mass., March 9, 1909. Clerk

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Annual Meeting April 5 1909.

The annual meeting of the Christian Union was held April 5 1909 upon call issued March 29 1909

The clerk read the call for the meeting

A. Ruggles Chairman. on motion duly made it was voted that the ballot be cast for Wm A Ruggles for chairman

Article 2

Voted to lay on the table

Article 3.

Voted to accept the Treasurers report and to spread on records

" " " Collectors " " " " " "

Reports accepted " " " Auditors "

" " " Historian "

" " " Trustees " " " " " "

" " " Financial " " " " " "

" " " Music " " " " " "

" " " Sunday school "

" " " Cleaners " " " " " "

" " " Sewing Circle " " " " " "

" " " Unity club " " " " " "

" " " Lookout Com. " " " " " "

Article II.

Voted that $218.75 now to credit of the Christian Union in the Mechanics Saving Bank be appropriated in paying note.

Sav. Bk. note paid by Miss Ellen C. Hutchins,

Trs. money Voted that $281.00 of Trs. money now on hand be used in paying balance of Miss Ellen C. Hutchins note

Article 4.

For Clerk Voted that chairman cast one ballot for W. A. Bancroft for clerk.

Trustees Voted that chairman cast one ballot for Alvan D. Clark, Cortland H. Smith, Hiram Lemuel, George S. Dolan and W. Wolstenholme as trustees

Treasurer Voted that he cast one ballot for Edgar N. Hunt for Treasurer.

Election collector — Voted that Chairman cast one ballot for Miss Minnie K. Eames as collector.

Historian — Voted that clerk cast one ballot for Miss Elizabeth Prescott for historian.

Auditor — Voted that clerk cast one ballot for Miss Mary A. Bancroft for auditor.

Article 5.

Committees — Voted that clerk cast one ballot for committees as reported by Nominating Committee which were

Finance, H. R. Ruggles, A. P. Dane, W. P. Adden, Mary A. Bancroft, Mrs Geo. W. Ide, Arthur Fuller, Gertrude Ruggles, E. M. Sawyer.

Music — Mr. Chas. Smith, Miss Emma Adden, Miss Flora Ramsey

Lookout — Mrs. A. J. Francis, Mrs. Horace Eames, Mrs Geo. B. Ruggles, Mrs. Eldridge Smith.

Old Ladies Home — Mrs. M. E. Bond, Mrs. Charlotte Clapp, Mrs. E. M. Sawyer

Fruit Supper — Miss Lizzie E. Purcell

Nominating — E. W. Smith, Miss Helen Brown, W. P. Adden, Mrs S. A. Parks

Decorating — Lend-a-hand Club

Reception — Mr & Mrs. W. P. Adden, Dr & Mrs M. E. Bonde, Mrs Alvah W. Clarke, Mrs Charlotte Ferguson, Mrs Albert J. Francis, Mrs Fred P. Harvey, Mrs Marion A. Morton, Mrs Julia P. Ide, Mr & Mrs Chas. A. Loring, Mr & Mrs Dudley T. Hunt, Mr & Mrs Horace T. Waddin, Miss Mabel H. Robinson

Ushers — To be left with the Trustees

Article 6.

Voted to lay on table

Article 7.

Treasurer not to be allowed to borrow — Vote under this article was doubtful on count it was found six were in favor of the Treasurer being allowed to issue the Union's note, and nine against.

Article 8.

Collection Funds — Voted that method of collection of funds be left with Finance committee.

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Supply of Pulpit

Article 9

Voted that the supply of the pulpit be left in the hands of the Trustees.

Article 10.

appropriations

Voted that appropriation of funds be left to the Trustees

Article 6.

Nominate R. H. Clark as member of A. U. A.

Voted to indefinitely postpone afterwards was reconsidered and on motion Voted that we nominate Mr. Elvah W. Clarke as a life member to the American Unitarian Association.

Article 11

Letter from Mr Smith about new Organ

Voted that matter mentioned in letter from Mr. C. Winthrop Smith be referred to the Trustees for such action as they shall deem necessary ~~for action~~ (entered in records later)

Vote of thanks to Mr. Spinney

Voted that the thanks of this society be extended to Mr H. F. Spinney for his long service as Treasurer.

Verbal resignation was received from Rev. Frederick Parker to take effect Resignation at end of three months

Accepted

Voted regretfully that Mr. Parker's resignation be accepted.

Vote of appreciation to Mr. Parker

Voted that appreciation and thanks of this society be expressed to Mr. Parker for his work here and that our good wishes and our prayers be with him for a successful future in the work field of the ministry to which he has extended to him a cordial welcome, spread upon the record of the Union.

Voted that the following communication from the Sewing Circle be spread upon the records of the Union, and that the thanks of this society be extended to them

by the Trustees.

Reading Mass April 1st 1909

The Sewing Circle hereby vote and transfer the title to all crockery, kitchen utensils and table ware heretofore owned by the Sewing Circle be vested hereafter in the Christian Union, and shall be under the control of the Trustees of said Christian Union.

(Signed) Eliza A. Smith
President of the Sewing Circle

To the Christian Union April 5 1909.

Trustees Report

The Trustees [illegible] April, we are in as good financial condition as we have been in [illegible] the Treasurer [illegible] the Trustees [illegible] Sunday [illegible] worthy [illegible] that [illegible] has [illegible] shown the [illegible]

The following [illegible] the Sewing Circle [illegible] 12, 1908, [illegible] tion of $225.00 taken up [illegible] which was large in comparison with [illegible] taken by the other [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible] besides [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible] the city, [illegible] meeting of the [illegible] Feb. 7 1907 [illegible] meeting of the Christian Union [illegible] without action [illegible]

Report annual meeting April 5 1909

Trustees Report

decorate and repair the property, [illegible] the Lighting, the Trustees [illegible] and for the [illegible] appointed a committee and $100.00 was [illegible] for that purpose at this meeting.

It had long been felt by many that a room should be provided for a ladies parlor, or which should be suitable for the primary class of the Sunday School and where the different societies could [illegible] the [illegible] $500.00 for this purpose.

This matter was taken up by the [illegible] and it was found that it is [illegible] to remodel the building or only remodeling the stage [illegible] the Trustees [illegible] to make the [illegible] the Sunday School held numerous meetings [illegible] their aid for advice and the finding that the majority [illegible] of [illegible] work.

It was found there would be [illegible] $2000.00 to renovate the property in a thorough [illegible] manner. The committee already had about $1000.00 and was in [illegible] the other $500.00. We learned that this [illegible] could be loaned from the American Unitarian Association without interest, 1/10 [illegible] annually [illegible] the [illegible] in the

Trustees Report

society and be mortgaged to the church.
The trustees were in favor of this method and a special meeting of the Christian Endeavor was called. At that meeting the trustees were authorized to secure the money in the way mentioned and to give a mortgage on the property. The following resolution was offered by Mrs. E. N. Hurlbut, Mrs. J. Bancroft, Mr. Joseph Smith & Mrs. S. Dennison and passed & the secretary of the trustees has received the names of twenty members who have promised to support the trustees in making a mortgage and these from members of the congregation. It is not probable that the trustees would make the taking of these legal subscriptions. Most of the work has now been completed and tested. Unity Hall and the parlors have been used for the winter. The parlors were dedicated Sept. 27, 1898, and from that time were given the first Friday in the year after they were opened to be used for the Friday evening meetings. The expense has been large but it has been a pleasure to the trustees to keep up the interest in the society by adding improvements, not only for the addition of new members but especially financially.

The thought of having blind window shades was suggested to the trustees by a visiting sister and received their hearty support. Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Dennison were appointed a committee

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[illegible] after the meeting, and there [illegible] in the [illegible] light, and with the [illegible] Cabin Company [illegible] the Sunday School.

[illegible] the happiness of [illegible] the window [illegible] until the [illegible] window.

[illegible] $218.00 [illegible] $15.00 of the [illegible] the [illegible] the $500.00.

[illegible] that [illegible] the [illegible] furnishing the [illegible]

[illegible] to thank [illegible] to [illegible] "Bill" [illegible] $16.14 [illegible]

Respectfully yours,

[illegible]

Secretary

Treas. Rept.

Treasurer's Report for year ending April 5 1909

Balance on hand April 1 1908			365.17
Received from collection	1521.21		
" " Unity Club	190.00		
" " Flamco	45.00		
" " Donations	26.00		
" " Interest	138.85	1,921.06	
" " Mortgage	253.79		
" " Fairs	250.00	503.79	2424.85
			$2,790.82

Paid Minister	1500.00
Janitor	113.96
Choir	351.50
Wood & Coal	7.25
Fuel	143.24
Electric Light	72.54
Flowers	12.85
Inv. Mission	53.00
Insurance	162.75
Interest	17.00
Repairs	25.15
Superintendent	10.13
Sundries	34.18
Refund Fuel	77.21
Fuel Dry	25.87
	2622.73

Cash balance in Treasury $168.09

" " " Savings Bank 212.75

381.84

Collectors Report

Collectors Report for year ending April 5 1909.

Collected from last year	25.00
Sunday Collections	177.01
Collected from Subscriptions	1,744.00
	$1,946.01
Special for Citizen 17.00 Uncollected	35.00
" " Sunday School 16.81	

Minnie K. Carter Collector

Financial Com. Chorbi April 5 1904

Income [illegible] budget for report [illegible] $[illegible] against $[illegible] expenditure, [illegible] [illegible] year have contributed [illegible] regular subscribers [illegible] $[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the previous year we report have [illegible]. People have [illegible], [illegible] budget [illegible] we have [illegible] $331.00, which, [illegible] total [illegible] $[illegible] [illegible] $[illegible] [illegible] the expenditure since 1.1901.

[illegible]

[illegible] committee

Financial report for [illegible] 1908-1909.

[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] 1908 [illegible] [illegible] $[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] "[illegible]" [illegible] [illegible] sold [illegible] $[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

To the Christian Union

Music

The committee on Music presents the following report for the last year.

Following the practice of recent years, we have not attempted to establish a regular choir but have employed different soloists from Sunday to Sunday, and in this way we have been able to hear fourteen different soloists. This has demanded harder work from your committee and from your organist, Miss McLeary, with its difficult task to accompany different singers from week to week, and your committee wish to express their appreciation of the willing cheerfulness with which Miss McLeary has worked with us to secure good music for our services.

Owing to the fact that our organist is one of the instructors at the New England Conservatory of Music, we have been able to secure singers from many different sections of the country and from Canada, who are pupils at that school, thus adding freshness and variety to our music, etc, and we have reason to believe, the general pleasure of our congregations.

We have received from the Treasurer $45.00 have expended $43.90 leaving a balance of $1.10 on hand and all bills paid.

By our new contract with Miss McLeary, early in the year, we were fortunate to secure her services also as pianist for our Sunday School, with the result that our Sunday School singing is equalled by that of very few such schools.

During the year we have also worked with our Benevolent Society, assisting

Music

of success in and enjoyable Vesper Services on the second Sunday of each month at which we have had as soloists, among others, Mrs. Grace Bonner Williams, of the Arlington Street Church choir, Mrs Louise Bruce ~~Cook~~ Brooks, Mr. Geo. Parker, Mr. Colin E. Daniels all of Boston, Miss Jeanette Pichelini, Mrs. C. R. Shepardson and Mr. John D. Webster, all of Reading, and Dr. Albert Edmund Brown, the Director of Music in our public schools, who have been listened to by attentive audiences numbering from 250 to 400 or 450 more than the seating capacity of our church.

The committee would like to provide a paid singer for the choir, but the cost, some $20. a Sunday, would seem to exclude this, and our possibilities.

If, however, it will be our endeavor the coming year to keep our vocal and instrumental music at least as good as in the past year and we hope even better.

Our organ is a very sweet toned one but has been in use nearly forty years and is now much in need of attention in the way of repairs; especially do the bellows need fixing, not they leak badly and are too noisy and hard to keep inflated with air. One or two of the stops are in such shape that they cannot be used as is also the tremolo.

We would urge that efforts be made to overhaul and install either an electric or other motor to blow the organ, one or two new modern stops in the place of some of those in use and a new tremolo.

An offer has been made to furnish us with a new double, pneumatic action

Music

organ-worth fully $3500.00 sold out $2500.00 and we hope the church will try to bring this about the coming summer. Such an organ we believe would be a good investment for our church, would make our services richer and more beautiful and attract larger congregations.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the committee

C. Hartshorn Smith,
Chairman

Sewing Circle

To the Trustees, and members of the Christian Union.

Co-secretary of the Sewing Circle I give the following report.

We have a membership of 42, and have held this year 20 meetings of which the latter one have been all day meetings, as the members think they can accomplish more work. We have only a few ways of making money but do all we can for the church. We pay the water tax and gave the treasurer of the Lady Fair from our table the sum of $46.

Respectfully submitted
Mary E. Clapp. Secy

Look-Out Com.

Report of the Look-out Committee

This being the first year of the existance of the Look out committee its members hardly knew what its work should be, but finally concluded to keep a look-out and do the thing which first presented itself. We have called on the sick and visited new comers. Spent $1.00 for flowers and $5.00 to aid in sickness, and have on

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Cash on hand $46.38. We would be very glad to receive suggestions, or any thing in regard to this work.

Respectfully submitted
J. F. Francis, chairman

Unity Circle.

Unity Circle report for year ending June 6, 1909.

Receipts		Payments	
on hand	2.83		
Hay party	75.00	Rent from June 1/08	75.00
Luncheon	27.70	" " Dec "	25.00
Whist at Mrs Smiths	7.75	" " Apr 3/09	90.00
Cooking class Baker	25.25	Total to Treasurer	190.00
Holiday Whist	13.71	Christmas party	23.47
Luncheon	12.05	Laundry	.91
Whist month	7.75	Postage & cards	1.36
Children's Masquerade	34.45		
Dues	9.25		
	$215.74		$215.74

Mr. E. J. Clark & others Trustees,
The Christian Union
Reading Mass.

Gentlemen,

Forty years ago in April 1869, The Christian Union of Reading was organized and have ever since been in the forefront all spiritual and good social life in Reading. Its women have always been the leaders social, moral, and political life of the town, a few, whose names recall, being Lucien B. Knight, Samuel Knight, William Foster, Miss Annie Appleton, Mr & Mrs Andrew Howes, Harlin Prentiss.

It has seemed to me that such a milestone as the fortieth anniversary of the organization of such a Society should have such a recognition as would cause it to

Extract from Report of Mr. Smith

Letter from C W Smith

be long remembered and a benefit to the church and town.

During the past year our church property has been much improved and beautified but yet much remains to be done.

We need a new organ very much, and this I am told, can be secured, through the generosity of friends, for about $2500.00 and would be worth fully $3500.00.

The past year we borrowed $1000. on a mortgage on our church property.

To celebrate the completion of forty years of church life, we propose to raise a fund of forty hundred dollars, one hundred dollars for each year of our church life, the proceeds to be used to pay this mortgage, pay our mortgage and the balance for incidentals.

The writer will be one of forty to subscribe $100. each for this purpose.

Yours truly

C Winthrop Smith

July 1st 1909.

Special Meeting of the Christian Union

Notice is hereby given that there will be a special Meeting of the Christian Union, in their Meeting House, on July 1st 1909 at 8 o'clock P.M., to act on the following articles namely:

Article 1.

To choose a chairman to preside at meeting.

Article 2

To make a choice of a Pastor and to act thereon.

Article 3.

To transact any other business that may come before the Union.

By Order of the Trustees

Alfred A. Bancroft

Reading Mass June 24 1909. Clerk

Reading Mass July 1 1909

The above mentioned meeting was held and after being called to order by the clerk, voted and called for meeting. Mr. Chadwick Fowing was chosen chairman.

Acting under article two the Trustees reported names of Ministers who have preached for us, and after a general discussion in which it was impossible to select any one it was Voted that the matter be laid over until the next week in September.

After transitment, meeting adjourned

Alfred Bancroft Clerk

November 4 1909.

Special Meeting of the Christian Union.

Notice was hereby given that there will be a special meeting of the Christian Union in Whitehall, Reading, Mass., on Thursday Evening Nov. 4, 1909, at 7.30 P.M., to act on the following articles:

Article #1

To choose a chairman to preside at said meeting.

Article #2

To make choice of a pastor and to instruct the trustees to call him.

Article #3

To transact any other business which may come before the meeting.

M. R. Bancroft
Clerk.

Reading Mass., October 28, 1909.

Reading Mass Nov 4 1909

A special meeting of the Christian Union was held pursuant to the above notice. Voted that Winthrop Smith act as chairman. Under article 2 the question was asked are we ready to vote to make a call to some one. After discussion it was voted to do so.

Extend a call to Rev Marion F. Dame

Voted that we extend a call to Rev. Marion F. Dame at a salary of $1200.00

Voted to consider the ballot vote as a vote of the amount.

Unanimously voted that the trustees extend a call to Rev. Marion F. Dame with a salary not to exceed $1200, per year.

Committee

Voted that a committee of three be appointed to inform Mr. Dame of his election. Voted that the Clerk

[illegible]

Article 1.

[illegible]

Article 3.

[illegible]

Article 4

[illegible]

Article 5

[illegible]

Article 6.

[illegible]

Article 7.

[illegible]

Article 8.

[illegible] apply the funds for [illegible]

Article 9.

[illegible]

Article 10

[illegible]

April 4 1910 [illegible] meeting called before the meeting, [illegible] Clerk of the Trustees, [illegible] Clerk.

Reading Mass March 25 1910.

Annual Meeting April 4 1910.

The annual meeting of the Christian Union was held April 4 1910 [illegible] 191.

The clerk read the call for the meeting.

Article #1.

On motion duly made and second, voted that [illegible] be elected for the ensuing year. This was lost and Mr. Smith was elected.

Chairman

Article #2

On motion duly made and seconded, voted that this article be laid on the table.

Article 3.

Under this article the following reports were read and on motion made and seconded voted that they be accepted, and on the recommendation, Trustees, Finance Committee, Auditor, Treasurer, Sunday School, Superintendent, Christian Endeavor, Young People's Society, Home Department, Nominating Committee.

Reports accepted

The Historian and Finance reports were verbal.

On motion duly made and seconded, voted [illegible] the Trustees be authorized to expend [illegible] for the ensuing year, [illegible] the [illegible].

Vote of thanks to Trustees

Voted that article 4 be laid on the table and that article 10 be taken up

[illegible] The [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] has having removed from among us
[illegible] Brother Ruggles. The [illegible] union
[illegible] [illegible] deem it [illegible]
take the following action. Be it therefore
Resolved — That while we bow in
submission to the Divine Will, we deplore
[illegible] of Mr. Ruggles a brother, friend
counsellor, and co-worker; his departure leaves
a void not easily filled, and we hold in
[illegible] memory, [illegible]
[illegible] in promoting
the interests of the union.

Resolved — That while we recognize
[illegible] dispensation, we sorrow,
[illegible] bereavement to his
family, and we desire to extend to them
our deepest sympathy in their bereave-
ment, and express to them the hope
that what he was to us and them in life,
~~that what he was~~ and that he now
rests from his labor in "The Better Land",
[illegible]

Resolved — That these resolutions be
entered in the records of the union, and
that a copy of the same be sent to the
family of our departed brother.

Charles W. Abbott
A. Newell Holmes
Henry Robinson
} Committee on Resolution

On motion, duly made and seconded it was
[illegible] Voted that the Trustees have
[illegible] window [illegible]
[illegible] in memory of Mr. and Mrs. James Wight.
On motion, duly made and seconded
[illegible] financial [illegible]
[illegible] with last Sunday in March,
Article #10 laid on the [illegible]

Voted the [illegible] trustees and [illegible] financial [illegible] on the last Sunday in March

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Article 4.

On motion duly made and seconded
Voted that the Clerk cast one ballot for
[illegible] for the ensuing year.
There were some [illegible] [illegible]
On motion duly made and seconded
Voted that the Clerk cast one ballot for
George [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
and Treasurer. There were some [illegible]
[illegible] for the ensuing year.

Election of Officers & Committees

On motion duly made and seconded
Voted that the Clerk cast one ballot for
[illegible] [illegible] & Treasurer
for the ensuing year.

On motion duly made and seconded
Voted that the Clerk cast one ballot
for committee as reported by the nominating
committee. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible].

Article 5.

On motion duly made and seconded
Voted that the Clerk cast one ballot
for committee as reported by the nominating
committee. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible].

over

Finance Committee

[illegible]

Walter S. Davis Mrs Geo W. S. Ide

Miss Gertrude Ruggles

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Committee on Stock & Supplies

Miss Olive A. Prescott

Nominating Committee

[illegible]

Alvin W. Clark, Wm. S. Dennison, Chas. A. Loring

Decoration Committee

Lend a hand club, and their friends.

Reception Committee

Miss Helen R. Beebe Mr & Mrs Walter S. Davis

[illegible]

Mr & Mrs Arthur B. Nichols Mr & Mrs Walter [illegible]

[illegible]

Ushers

Appointing to be left with the Trustees

On motion made and seconded

[illegible]

Miss Helen Beebe, Mrs M. E. Brande and

[illegible]

"Old Ladies Home". This was done and they were declared elected.

Article 6.

to nominate

On motion made and [illegible]

[illegible]

Amer. Unitarian Assn

Article 7.

Voted that we raise our funds for the ensuing year by subscriptions and by work [illegible]

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Article 8.

Voted that the appropriation for the year be left in the hands of the trustees.

Article 9.

Voted that the approbations of the minister and all other officers of the church be left in the hands of the trustees.

Article 10

On motion, made and seconded

Com. to bring in resolution on death of T. H. Smith

Voted that a committee of three be appointed to bring in resolutions in regard to the decease of our fellow member, Mr. Thomas H. Smith. Chairman appointed Mr. Francis S. McAuntandt & Robinson.

On motion made and seconded

admitted W. H. Centre

Voted that Mrs. W. H. Centre be admitted as a member of the church.

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Collectors Report

Received on last year's account	32.55
" " this "	1558.65
" from monthly collection	1[illegible]
Paid Treasurer —	$1273.56
Not collected	118.50
can be collected of this	102.00
Received 1st Sunday	70.00
" 3 collection	4.93

Collector's Report

Finance Com. report

To the Members of the Ch[illegible]

At the beginning of [illegible] April 1909 about 200 [illegible]

[illegible] 116.50.

[illegible]

[illegible] Committee

Trustees Report

[illegible] 1910

[illegible]

by order of the Board of Health, on account of the small pox scare in town.

Trustees report

The Sunday school has grown and [illegible]

We have had given to the Church this year, two additional windows [illegible] Emily Ruggles.

On Sunday, April 25th Rev. Wm. H. [illegible] a special parish meeting was held [illegible] pastor.

The Church has [illegible] that report.

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taking into consideration the facts of
[illegible] without a minister and that it
[illegible] necessary to close the Church for
[illegible] time the Trustees and
[illegible] the Christian Union have made
[illegible] that the [illegible]
[illegible] time in the coming year.

[illegible]
Alonzo [illegible]
Wm. S. Dennison
Chas. E. Judkins
Arthur A. Jewett
Trustees

Treasurers Report

April 4 1910

Receipts		Payments	
H. T. Simms	168.04	[illegible]	115.00
Collector	1273.56	A. W. Clark "candidates"	433.24
Fair	285.00	W. F. Ham	350.00
Unity Club	345.00	Music [illegible]	104.00
[illegible]	50.00	" "	46.00
Rent	21.00	Janitor	106.00
Interest on Mortgage	62.50	[illegible]	18.00
Dunfey Savings Bank	220.00	Sundries	4.96
Collecting Pledges		Gas & electric	85.57
[illegible]	43.87	2 Windows	104.00
Received for 2 Windows	104.00	American U. Assn.	50.00
		Mortgage Note	500.00
		" " Int.	14.80
			2245.34
		Balance on Hand	327.68
	$2,573.02		$2,573.02

E. W. Hunt
Treas.

Unity Whist

Music Com.

Short Unity Club, [illegible]
April 4 1910.

Receipts		Paid	
May Party	63.00	Mrs Hunt	60.00
Whist	9.00	" "	10.00
Whist & Whist	37.63	" "	300.00
[illegible] Giving Sale	14.87	Entertainment	6.25
Luncheon	41.00	Friendly Club	
[illegible]	18.63	Christmas [illegible]	5.73
Tramatic	104.00	Cards	1.50
[illegible]	[illegible]	Supper	[illegible]
Dues	6.50	Balance on hand	4.27
	$[illegible].90		[illegible].90

[illegible] Saunders
Treas.

Music Committee
Reading Mass Apr 4/10

To the Christian Union.

The Committee on Music presents the following report for the past year.

We have continued our recent practice of engaging soloists from nearby towns, and during the year have heard twenty different soloists, several of them being [illegible] and [illegible] voices.

At the beginning of the year we were doubtful in engaging [illegible] Gray as organist, and as pianist for the [illegible], and [illegible] themselves [illegible] in attempting to retain her services. The committee [illegible] feel what it said last year, due to its obligations to Miss McLaughlin for [illegible] of her services, and as to the improvement in the singing in the Sunday services.

Each year it becomes more difficult to provide satisfactory singers within our means, but the committee has

April 4 1910 — done its best with the amount of
[illegible]
[illegible]

Our Committee appropriated at the be-
ginning of the year $400.00 for music. Owing
to the [illegible] in our town, and the
consequent suspension of our church activities,
the [illegible] was temporarily [illegible],
and, with no [illegible] to pay our soloists
and organist [illegible], the committee was
[illegible] financially embarrassed, and,
feeling it was not right to expect one or
two to provide all the money required,
[illegible] donations
for the support of the music. [illegible]
response [illegible]
[illegible]

Music Com. Report — [illegible]. The amount of the
donations was $56.00 [illegible]
[illegible]
the full balance of our appropriation and
our financial statement is as follows

Balance on hand from last year.	1.10
Received from treasurer	4[illegible]0.00
Donations	[illegible]6.00
Total receipts	4[illegible]7.10
Payments	4[illegible].05
Balance on hand for next year	$[illegible]2.05

During the year we have pro-
vided, without expense to the church,
[illegible] which have been
attended by good-sized congregations
and have been [illegible], we believe,
of benefit to our church.
[illegible]
[illegible] for our organ
at a cost, [illegible], of about $1[illegible].00,
which is about one half what it would

[illegible]
1910

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Gleaners Report

[illegible]

Gleaners report

[illegible] 23rd

[illegible] 25th

[illegible]

the season, [illegible] $10.00 [illegible]

treasurer of the Church.

Respectfully submitted

[illegible]

Sec'y & Treas

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Income & Expenses report

[illegible]

The R.R.C.A. [illegible] commonly called [illegible] of $40

[illegible]

Income & Expenses report

they held all day meeting with a lunch

[illegible] the cold weather [illegible]

[illegible] of the members

[illegible]

[illegible] two cents but

[illegible] in [illegible]

[illegible] $6.07

[illegible] tax and other expenses

April 4 1910 and now in treasury $40.00

Respectfully
Emma C. Gray
Sec'y

Lookout Committee report

Lookout committee report
The lookout committee has made the colors the sick and poor as they did last year. They would advise suggestions in regard to work.
The have on hand in the bank $46.48.
Respectfully submitted
Jennie P. Francis
Chairman

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Melpomene Club Report.

At the last meeting of the Melpomene Club, held just before the beginning of the summer recess, and which is the our annual meeting, the following officers were appointed for the year.

Helen Higgins Vice
Lawrence Winchester Treas.
Ada V. Gibbs Sec'y.

At this meeting it was decided that our chief aim, for the following winter, should be to raise money in various ways, for a memorial window for the Church. Both ideas were very much approved and committees were appointed to make plans for entertainment.

That we might be sure of at least a small start, each member promised to earn one dollar during the summer.

During the winter we gave an illustrated lecture, a Spaulding Night at the home of Mr. Wm. Ray Francis and a dance in Masonic Hall.

Melpomene Club report

[illegible]
1910

[illegible] the first of the [illegible] they expected would [illegible] [illegible] about that time, brought our [illegible] ments to an end.

Mel Homene Club Report

The beginning of our [illegible] April 1909, the Mel Homene [illegible] $5. in debt and at the present we have $4.34 [illegible] not half of what our windows, which we are still planning and working for, [illegible] courage is still good and we are all ready to put forth our [illegible] and another fall [illegible] thirdend."

Helen Beebe
Secretary

Report of the Committee on Sunday Services at the Home for Aged Women.

The fourth Sunday [illegible] month, excepting [illegible] to set apart for services [illegible] of the Christian Union.

Committee on Home for Aged Women Report

[illegible] during the past year, the last one [illegible] was in charge of the [illegible] three [illegible] took part in the services [illegible] attendance [illegible]

Respectfully
[illegible] Charlotte [illegible]

Meeting adjourned.
[illegible] Secy & Clerk

Christian Union,

Notice of Annual Meeting

The members of the Christian Union are hereby notified that the annual meeting will be held in Unity Hall, Reading, on Monday evening April 3, 1911 at 7:30 o'clock, to act on the following articles.

Art. 1 To choose a chairman to preside at said meeting.

" 2 To hear the report of nominations for the society to join the Union.

" 3 To hear and act on the reports of the Treasurer, Collector, Auditor, Historian, Trustees and all Committees.

" 4 To choose a Clerk, Treasurer, Collector, Historian and all other officers required by the society.

" 5 To choose committees on Music, Entertainments and all other necessary committees for the ensuing year.

" 6 To choose a delegate to the Unitarian Association.

" 7 To see what action shall be taken on raising funds for the expenses of the Union for the ensuing year.

" 8 To see what action shall be taken on the society joining the Union for the ensuing year.

" 9 To see what money shall be paid by the society for the ensuing year.

" 10 To see what action the society will take on any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Records of the Trustees
Attest: A. L. Bancroft
Clerk.

Reading Mass. March 25 1911.

Annual Meeting April 3 1911.

The annual meeting of the Christian Union was held on April 3 1911. with a quorum present.

The clerk read the call of the meeting for the meeting and [illegible] made and seconded [illegible] that [illegible] be elected.

[illegible] of the meeting [illegible] and approved.

Article 2.

Mr. [illegible] Lee and Bertha D. Harvey were presented for membership. and on a motion being made and seconded that they be admitted [illegible].

Article 3.

Reports accepted.

Under this article the following reports were presented and on motions duly seconded were accepted. Treasurer's report. (Audit [illegible]) Missionary (verbal); [illegible] (verbal); Charity Club; Music Committee; Cleaners; Sewing Circle; Helpfulness (verbal); Look out (verbal) Treasurers; Sunday School: verbal;

Vote of thanks to Mr. Dennison McLaw

[illegible] unanimously [illegible] a vote of thanks to Mr. Dennison McLaw for the generous [illegible] and also to the Dorcas Society [illegible] which [illegible] Sunday School in the past year.

Article 4.

The nominating committee made their report.

On motion made and seconded ballot for Corresponding Clerk was cast and he was declared elected.

On motion made and seconded ballot for Treasurer was cast, the following named were declared elected.

Mrs. M. W. Martin, Mrs. E. J. Hutchinson, Mrs. R. Hawes, Mrs. J. Hunt, Mrs. G. D. Hanford.

Officers elected

These were declared elected.

On motion made and seconded ballot for E. Hunt for Treasurer was cast and he was declared elected.

On motion made and seconded ballot for Mrs. Mrs. J. P. Jones for Recording was cast and she was declared elected.

On motion made and seconded ballot for Mrs. Hiff Finnell for Historian was cast and she was declared elected.

Committees

On motion made and seconded ballot was cast for the various committees and the following were elected

Finance Committee

Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Dennison, Miss M. K. Jones, Mrs. E. Hyatt, Miss Spragg.

Committees elected

Music Committee

Miss Innes, Mrs. J. L. Stanley, Mrs. J. H. Smith.

Cookbook Committee

Mrs. Henry Johnson, Mrs. Samuel C. Hatfield, Mrs. Samuel Jones, Mrs. E. T. Hawes, Mrs. Elbridge Smith, Miss Mary A. Sanford, Miss Clara Paul.

Charities

Mrs. Mary Jones, Mrs. [illegible]

Committee on Public Buildings

Mrs. [illegible], Mrs. [illegible]

Nominating Committee
[illegible] Hutchinson
[illegible] Loring [illegible] do. [illegible] Smith
Decoration Committee
[illegible] and clerk and [illegible] do
Reception Committee
[illegible] H. P. Bell
[illegible]
" " E. N. Dillaway
" " E. L. French
" " R. F. [illegible]
" " A. B. Nichols
" " N. G. Rugg
" " [illegible]
" " [illegible]
Ushers to be appointed by the Trustees

Article 6.

Number A. U. Assn

On motion made and seconded Voted that the society ~~nominate~~ present Mrs Mary [illegible] Pickhaus name to the [illegible] Unitarian Society [illegible]

Article 7

Raising funds

On motion made and seconded Voted that the question of raising funds for the union be left [illegible] the hands of the Finance [illegible]

Article 8.

[illegible] On motion made and seconded [illegible] Voted that the [illegible] of the society be left with [illegible] with full power to act.

Article 9.

Special appropriation

On motion made and seconded. Voted to raise and appropriate $150.00 for the salary of the minister [illegible] the ensuing [illegible] voted to raise and appropriate

$1300.00 for other expenses.

Article 10

accept Gift from Mr. Wright

Voted that we accept the gift from Mr. Wright of $5 and a picture of Mr. Wright and that the secretary of the Church acknowledge same.

thanks to officers

Voted that a vote of thanks be extended to the officers and committees for their work during the past year.

Trustees

On motion made and seconded voted that all acts and things heretofore done by the Trustees and officers of this corporation in carrying on the business and affairs of the Church be and the same are hereby confirmed, ratified and approved.

Reports

Collectors Report

April 1st 1911

Received from last year	87.00	
" " subscriptions	1088.65	
" " Sunday collections	189.35	$1,360.00
Paid Treasurer		$1360.00

Collectors report

Minnie K. Eames
Collector

Unity Club

Earned during year	324.26	
Yearly dues	8.00	332.26
Expenses	75.00	
Paid into Church Treasury	250.00	325.00
Balance April 3 1911		7.26

Unity Club report

Helen H. Smalley
Treasurer

Reading Mass Apr 3/12

Committee on Music

At the beginning of our year, our Trustees appropriated $1100. for your music committee and it was our intention to continue the practice of recent years of securing different soloists from week to week and we did so until our church was closed for the summer.

Upon the re-opening of our church in September the Treasurer was not able to pay to our usual amount appropriated and your committee was without funds with which to pay our organist and soloists each Sunday as had been our custom.

Feeling that it was necessary to have a soloist and not wishing to ask strangers to sing for us and wait for an indefinite period for their pay, your committee asked Miss Mabel Wilson of Stoneham, who certainly was no stranger to us, to sing for us Sundays until January trusting to be paid some time in the future. She has consented to do, and to her and Miss McKay our organist with whom a similar arrangement was made, we owe many thanks for this service.

Since Jan 1st the financial position of the committee has been such that we felt obliged to dispense with soloists.

We are glad to be able to report that on last Saturday we received from our Treasurer funds that have enabled us to pay all our bills and start the new year with the same balance as

last year, as shown on the following financial statement.

Balance on hand from last year	$52.05
Received from the Treasurer	390.00
	442.05
Cost of Music for year	390.00
Balance on hand	$52.05

During the past year we have provided nine musical services, which while not so well attended as in previous years, have yet been enjoyable, and we believe, of benefit to our church.

We wish also to record our obligation to Mr Wm S Dennison for his care of our organ. Many times during the year it has been in need of repairs in order to be used and whenever such occasion has arisen, it has been the privilege of your committee to report the trouble to Mr Dennison and it has been remedied. When he has been asked for a bill he has always replied "no bill". The thanks of this church as well as of your committee are due Mr Dennison.

On behalf of the Committee

C W Smith, Chairman

Gleaners.

April 3 1911

The Gleaners have held 14 meetings during the year and have paid $90.00 into the church treasury.

The proceeds of a table at the "Bake Nov 22" Supper given Dec 15, Money earned in various ways and reported at an Experience meeting, Whist parties given by Mrs Francis amounted to $79.50. Money was also raised by membership fee, sale of aprons, mittens, maintenance of fries tacking comforters and other ways.

The Gleaners also contributed to the Church $38.00 made at their table at the Remembrance shop May 28-29.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte E. Clapp
Sec'y pro tem

Reading Circle 31/11

Sewing Circle

The Liberal Ladies Benevolent Assn. commonly known as the Sewing Circle has about 43 paying members.

During the year we have held 14 meetings, each of which have been all day meetings held in Unity Hall. Most of our money is made by making and tacking quilts and comforters, although we have had tables at two sales this year. At the Thanksgiving Sale we made $1.50 and at the recent Remembrance Sale turned over to the committee $26.00. We have given to the Church the sum of $50.00, paid the water tax and given the Trustees an order for a memorial window in the Church.

Respectfully submitted
Mary E. Clapp Sec'y

Circle

Treasurer's Report

Year ending April 3 1911

Receipts		Expenses	
Rec of Collector	1360.00	Pastor to Mar 1 1911	1400.03
" " Unity Club	250.00	Janitor " "	139.62
" " The Gleaner	90.00	Gas & Elect. Light	74.65
" " Hall expenses	55.00	Music Com.	390.00
" " Interest on mortgage & deposit	168.55	Indro fire ins	57.00
" " N S Dennison balance of building fund	23.05	" Flowers	20.80
" " E. E. Clapp balance piano	4.99	Unitarian Assn	50.00
" " Remembrance Fair	234.28	To Coal	42.00
	2185.87		
Borrowed (Ent.)	83.19	Int. on Mortg. bal	35.14
Bal 1st of year	327.68	Sundry small Bills	15.94
			2227.15
		Bal on hand	369.56
	2596.74		2596.74

Bills unpaid

Treas. report	W Bancroft Coal	163.
	A R Prentiss Ins	75.94
	E C Harracom ashes	7.87
	Francis Bros	10.31
	F. Wallace	5.33
	A W Clark	3.55
	Weston & Emery	13.30
	W E & J T Twombly	14.00
	Pastor for March	116.67
	Janitor " "	12.50
	E. N. Hunt Cash advanced	83.19 $505.66

We hold a mortgage for $2500. on house of Mrs. MacDonald Temple Street Reading

There is a mortgage on the church held by the E. N. Hunt for $1000. which is guaranteed by ten men of the church. $100. is payable each year in July $100. was paid in 1909 - 100 in 1910. Bal $800. due

E. N. Hunt Treas

Meeting adjourned
W C H Cammett
Clerk

Christian Union

Second Annual Meeting

[illegible] of the Christian Union [illegible] this [illegible] the annual meeting of the Union [illegible] Jan. 1st 1912 at 8 o'clock to do the following business viz:

Art. 1 To choose a chairman to preside at said meeting

Art. 2 To admit new members to join the union

Art. 3 To see and act on the reports of the Treasurer, Leading Editor, Librarian, Finance and other committees.

Art. 4 To choose a Clerk, Board of Finance, Leading Editor, Librarian and all other necessary officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 5 To choose committees on music, finance and all other necessary committees for the ensuing year.

Art. 6 To choose a library committee for the ensuing year.

Art. 7 To see what action shall be taken to [illegible] the Sunday afternoon [illegible]

Art. 8 To see what action the Christian Union will take on the Sunday [illegible] and other recreations.

Art. 9 To see what other business shall come before the meeting.

In order of the Union,

[illegible]

Chairman

Annual Meeting April 1, 1912

The annual meeting of the Reading Union was called to order pursuant to notice.

The usual notice calling for the meeting was read on motion duly made and seconded voted that it be placed at the bottom of the minutes of this meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Article 2.

On motion duly made and seconded the following persons were admitted as members of the Union.

Members admitted

Mrs. Martha Whitehouse
Arthur S. Coolidge
Walter F. Coolidge
Herbert J. Bilodeau
Mrs. Ruth Rogers
Mrs. Ward E. Long.

Article 3.

Under this article the following reports were presented and on motion duly made and seconded voted that they be placed at the bottom of the minutes of this meeting.

Reports accepted

Treasurer, Collector, Auditors, Central, District and Local Ministers, Sunday School Teacher, Committee, Field Worker (Miss Bishop) Girls' Club Work. Report to report $160. has been paid into the treasury of the Union, District and Nominating Committee, Home Mission.

On motion duly made and seconded voted that the officers of the Union be

[illegible] to the [illegible]
for [illegible] to the music
[illegible] committee.

funds.

Article 4.

On motion, duly made and seconded
ballot, unanimous, for Wilfred [illegible] Bancroft for
Election of President was cast and he was declared elected.

On motion duly made and seconded
ballot, unanimous, for Mrs. [illegible], Mrs. [illegible]
[illegible], Mrs. Edward [illegible] Hutchinson, Mrs.
[illegible] for Vice Presidents [illegible]
[illegible] and they were declared elected.

On motion duly made and seconded
ballot was cast for [illegible]
Treasurer and he was declared elected.

On motion duly made and seconded
ballot was cast for Miss [illegible] for
Collector and she was declared elected.

On motion duly made and seconded
ballot was cast for Mrs. [illegible] Prescott,
for historian and she was declared elected.

Article 5.

On motion duly made and seconded
voted that the clerk cast one ballot to
fill committees as recommended by
the nominating committee. This
was done and the following were
declared elected.

Finance Committee.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Music Committee.

[illegible]

[illegible]

Look Out Committee.

const. amend

Auditor Woodward, Treas. &c.
Commissioner of Public Instruction, Secy. &
Nominating Committee
Petitioners Adam Abraham Blackburn et al.
Dan'l Dennis, Steiner, Dwight Mills, Epitt,
Deceptions, Stuart, Robertson, Committee
For Mrs. Sillers & Mr. Geddes
" " Mr. Fred Hammond
Miss Kate Andrews
Mr. Mrs. Hammond Stuart
For Mrs. Edgar M. Stuart
" " Mr. Charles Herring
" " Dr. L. S. Porter,
Mrs. Elizabeth Prescott
" Elizabeth Hammond.
Mr. Mrs. Henry Johnson
Article 6.

Fix Number Trustees

On motion, duly made and seconded voted that it be recommended to the Trustees, Instructions executed for all the ensuing year.

Article 7.

raising funds

On motion, duly made and seconded voted that all Sunday collections be equally divided between the Finance committee and the Trustees.

Article 8.

Supp. of Cadet.

On motion, duly made and seconded voted that the supply of the Cadet be left to the Trustees with full power

Article 9

raise & appropriate

On motion duly made and seconded voted to raise and pay out of the treasury the sum $1500. for the salary of the minister $400.00 for music and $100.00 for the sexton

Article 10

On motion duly made and seconded voted that a committee of five be

Com'te [illegible]

consider [illegible] consid: the question of purchasing

Purchase a parsonage, and that committee

of shall report to the Union at a special

Parsonage meeting on or before June 1st.

Chairman appointed Mr. Horace E. Hadley, A. Newell Howe & Whitcrofr Smith, Chas. H. Clark & [illegible].

Communication [illegible]

Second [illegible]

Second [illegible]

Committee [illegible] ittee

Reports to Apr 1. 1912.

Treasurer's report

Receipts		Payments		
Collections	1473.99	Rev M. F. Ham	13 mos	1616.67
To Hall Expenses	69.00	Music Com.	(40 wks)	400.00
Collection for A.M.A.	24.00	Janitor	13 mos	162.50
Donation from Chas A. Lee	12.50	Elect Lgt & Gas		53.70
Bal of Remembrance Sale	9.35	Paid on Loan		50.00
Mel Pioneer Club	80.00	A.M.A. Membership		50.00
Grand Jul. on Mortg.	137.50	Insurance		75.94
Cleaners	115.52	Coal		200.50
Rummage Sale	46.88	Printing		23.25
Sewing Circle	50.00	Flowers		24.60
Unity Club	410.00	Repairs		10.31
Borrowed	340.22	Cleaning		36.75
	2718.96	Sundries		17.47
Bal 1st of year	369.56	Stamps & Env.		5.90
				2727.59
		Bal on hand		360.93
	3088.52			3088.52

Treasurer

Bills payable 517.3

Cash on hand 360.93

1556.46

Bills receivable ?

Loans mortgage 2500.00

E. W. Hunt, Treas.

Collector's Report

Received from Pledges		1246.40
" " " Sunday Collections		215.25
" " Last year		10.00
		1471.65
Paid Mr Hunt, treasurer		1421.99
Balance on hand		$49.66
Amount of Pledges	1299.40	
" " " collected	1246.40	
Due apr 1st	53.00	
	40.00	
	13.00	

Collector

Minnie K. James

Col.

Trustees' Report.

It is evident from the report of the Treasurer that the past year has not been a successful one from the financial standpoint. Starting the year with a deficit of about $135. we finished the year with a deficit of about $350. This increased indebtedness is in part due to rent and premium on the church property, and in part on account of furnace repairs.

In order to carry out the church work on the proper basis at least $3000. per year should be available, of which, at least $2200 should be raised by subscription. The fixed expenses of the church for the ensuing year are estimated to be about $2700. During the past year about $1550. has been raised by subscription and Sunday collection. When it is considered that there are at least 175 families which claim some affiliation with the church, it is evident that the subscriptions are out of all proportion with what they should be. The trend of attendance at church during the last two months indicate a revived interest in the church work, and the attendance at the recent supper certainly showed that from a social standpoint at least there is no stagnation. The question of finance simmers down to whether or not those affiliated with the church are willing to properly subscribe for the church work. It may be expedient to revert to the old scheme of fundamental taxation than to endeavor to rely upon voluntary contributions. This is a question which should be given careful consideration.

Trustees

Notwithstanding the apparent discouraging prospects, the trustees are optimistic as to the general situation and believe that the people will respond to the call for increased funds.

The church property on the whole is in good condition and has been well maintained during the last year. The insurance on the church property was increased at the time of the Old South Church fire so that at the present time the buildings and contents are covered by $20000 insurance. The present board of trustees are willing to undertake the work for another year, but ask a more healthy co-ordination of the income of the society. In our opinion, it is not fair to ask the societies affiliated with the church to do so much hard work in raising money, as we believe that their energies should be conserved for social rather than mental work. In other words there should be a more generous response to the subscription list by the people who call this church "theirs".

As before stated the trustees are optimistic as to the general situation and do not regard the present deficit as a fair indication of the true condition as regards the Christian Union.

C. F. Hanscfield
Grace S. Morton
Bertha D. Harvey
Edwin T. Hutchinson
E. Adaline Hunt

April 1 1912.

Trustees

Year ending
April 1 1912

Music Committee

Your Music Com. for the past year
submits the following report of its
work for the year.

The financial report of the
Committee is as follows -

Apr. 1 1911 Bal. on hand	52.05
Mar. 1 1912 Received from Treasurer	400.00
Special Gift	5.00
	$457.05
Expended	421.60
Apr. 1 1912 Balance on hand	$35.45

Music

During the past year we have
continued our custom of every year
of having different soloists and during
the year we have had 23 different singers.
To the latter we expressed on the
part of some of our people that it
would be more agreeable to have the
same soloists each Sunday. Your
committee has arranged with Mr.
Cleon F. Hay, baritone, of Harvard
College, to sing each Sunday and he
has done so acceptably since Feb. 1st
assisted by Miss Ramsay.

Soon after the ending of our year,
our church met with a great loss
in the resignation of Miss M. Fay
as organist, who resigned to accept
a more advantageous position as
organist at the Second Congregational
Church, in Brookline. If Miss McFeary
had remained until June she would
have completed four years of loyal
and willing service, in all parts of
which she showed great ability.
Our committee wishes to place
on record its appreciation,
gratitude and their hearty thanks

to her for all she did to make our services successful.

Until the summer vacation and for few Sundays in September, Miss Helen Farr of Worcester, sang very acceptably as organist. Miss Farr's service has taken off the burden of organist and has successfully continued in this position.

During the year we have continued our monthly Vesper Service under the charge of Miss McFeary as organist and director, and the attendance has been large throughout the year. We have had eight of these helpful and enjoyable services with the following special musicians, The quartette of the second Unitarian Church of Brookline, Mrs Grace Bonner Williams; Miss Edith Castle; Mr Earl Cartwright; Mrs Louise Bruce Brooks; Mrs Marie Sundelius; Mr Willard Flint, all of Boston, Miss Elizabeth Wood of Winchendon, and Misses Ella A. Hoover of Denver Colorado, and Helen Parkhurst, of Peoria Ill. violinists.

These vespers have been without expense to our church, as the deficit in the collections, amounting to nearly $90.00 has been paid by one of the members of the Church, and the programs for most of them have been printed by Mr. Cyrus W. Barrows without charge.

During the year, through the generousity of one of the church members, your committee has been enabled to have 65 of our Hymn and Service Books repaired and rebound at an expense of $30.00

Music

Year ending
April 1, 1921.

It is with pride that the good will shown by those gifts that have encouraged your committee to continue its work, sometimes in the face of great discouragement, and it wishes at this time publicly acknowledge its grateful appreciation and thanks to these, and all others who have assisted us.

Music — While there is bound to be some dissatisfaction with the music furnished by any committee, we feel that in the main the efforts of our committee have been appreciated and allowances made for their shortcomings.

The present members of this committee have served from five to seven years each, and would cheerfully lay down the burden if others are willing to take it up.

C. Winthrop Smith chairman
Flora W. Ramsay
Emma Holden

Sunday School Report

Sunday School	Regular Sunday collections	115.31	
	Special "	43.43	
	Flag Drill	15.60	
	Birthday Box	3.42	
			177.76
	Supplies	67.43	
	Unitarian Sunday School Society	10.00	
	Rent in Lafayette Hall	6.00	
	Decorations	8.60	
	Charity	23.80	
	Old South Building Fund	25.00	
	Socials	4.87	160.70

We have in treasury to day with all bills paid which have been turned in, paid. $127.24 xx

Ernest E. Clapp Treas.

Sunday School

Sunday School

Attendance Sept 1st to April 1st 1912
Highest 90. Lowest 34. Average 75.
Total Enrollment 110 (100 pupils 10 teachers)
Average collection, $3.84

Outlook Committee

Met soon after annual Meeting in April 1911, and organized, with the following officers, Jno Robinson President, and Miss M. E. Earle Secretary.

Calls have been made by various members of the committee, upon those who were sick, and flowers given, and in some cases visits made.

Outlook Cases.

Twenty families were remembered at Thanksgiving, this being the number which felt to the church when the work was divided among the various churches at that time. Of these twelve belonged to the Christian Fellowship. The vegetables and fruit contributed by the children of the Sunday School, together with some purchased by the committee, were used in this work, two or three kinds of vegetables being sent to each family, together with meat nuts fruit and Candy

Received		Paid	
April 1911 Cash in bank	48.10	Sept 25/11 F. Wallace	1.62
June dividends	2.66	Nov " A. P. Squire & Co	7.25
Nov Collections		" " Smith & Market	5.46
Church,	19.11	Dec 1 F. Wallace	0.07
Sunday School	7.00	" 1 " Brown	.80
Inter Denomination	3.35	Nov 1911 Flowers	.60
		Apr 1/12 Bal in Bank	61.08
	80.58		$80.58

Ladies Aid Society
April 1, 1917.

Young Circle

Secretary of the Ladies Aid Society, presented the following report.

Started moving March last year with thirty-four members, although, this year the number of the old ones, that are still active members.

To make our money we have a cattle sale, and making quilts, comforters and puffs for outside people.

During the year we have collected some donations, otherwise our income.

We have paid the Church, State rate and have given to the Church, Women's Home $50.00

Respectfully submitted
Mary E. Tapp

Unity Class.

The Unity Class has earned during the year 1911-1912, $494.00 = $363.47 being from entertainments, $15.25 from dues and $45.28 being received by individual members. The sum of $5.00 was given on Pastor's salary and contributed in funds and $410.00 has been paid to the Treasurer of the Union.

Regular weekly meetings of the Class have been held during the year, two being all day meetings. The Class has a number of members and plans are being made for the future. Unity is contributed to board of the sister to be elected at our annual meeting on January 1st, 1912.

Respectfully submitted

efficient board of officers, viz: President, Mr. Bancroft, Vice President, Mr. Hutchins, Secy and Treasurer, Mr. Brown, for their help, advice and loyalty during the past year. It has been a pleasure to serve the Club with such valuable assistance.

I also wish to thank each member of the Christian Union who has helped in any way during the past year to make the entertainments so attractive, and the success they have been.

Frank S. Hatfield
Pres

Facts of Fact -

[illegible]

Pastor more diffi

can have the study in
of the other churches of the town
solved this problem by buying pro

concerted action of th
through the good offices of
(as in the case of the Congreg
Church). Our Church is the

parent when

increasing values makes this a perfectly [illegible], and one [illegible] not to be delayed, because it is almost certain that our Church must sooner or later take this step. If I am correctly [illegible] we have on hand sufficient [illegible] had by arranging a loan at a reason- [illegible]

Your minister therefore su[illegible] that this matter be discussed. [illegible]

[illegible] ial. He advocated this not only a[illegible] and business investment, but as a [illegible] help and health of our church.

Faithfully yours,
(Signed) W. Franklin Ham

Meeting Adjourned
J. W. F. Bancroft
Clerk

[illegible]

[illegible] following questions
will be a Special Meeting
Christian Union in Unity Hall, Wiad[illegible],
on May 16th at 8 P.M. to act on the

[illegible]

Article 1.

To elect a moderator to preside at [illegible]
meeting.

[illegible]

To admit any new members
who wish to join the Christian [illegible]

Article 3.

Notice of [illegible] To hear the report of the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] investigate the matter of pur[illegible]
a parsonage, and to see what
shall be taken on the report.

[illegible]

[illegible] see if the corporation will
[illegible] through the Trustees and Treasur[illegible]
[illegible] sell and assign, or othe[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] property on Temple Street, Wiad[illegible],
or what they will do in relation thereto.

Article 5.

To see what action, if any, the corporation will take regarding [illegible]
a parsonage.

Article 6.

[illegible]

[illegible] Mass May 16 1912
[illegible] meeting of the Union was
[illegible] at 8 o'clock with a
[illegible]

[illegible] made and seconded
[illegible] field cast one ballot for
[illegible] A Loring for moderator and
[illegible]

and article 6 taken up.

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] be appointed delegates to attend the
American Unitarian Association's
annual meet[illegible]

[illegible]
appointed at the annual meeting,
to inquire into the question of
[illegible] a parsonage, was ma[illegible]
Mr. Wadlin and on motion accep[illegible]

[illegible] Voted that Edgar [illegible]
[illegible]
mortgage [illegible]
[illegible]
against [illegible]
[illegible] Madden [illegible] thy five hundred [illegible]
[illegible] dated April 20, 1910, now
[illegible] corporation, [illegible]
note secured thereby, and to sign, seal,
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] voted in the affirmative [illegible]

Article 5,

On motion [illegible] seconded
Voted unanimously that the
Trustees be authorized and empowered
to purchase in the name of the
corporation, for use as a parsonage,
the property known as No. 20 Linden
Street, in Reading, Mass., owned by
[illegible]

Purchase [illegible]
Linden St.

[illegible]
to be taken from the proceeds of the sale
of the Macdonald mortgage, and the
[illegible] to be
taken from the legacy of Twenty
Dollars ($000.) given to this corporation
[illegible] of said legacy to be paid this corporation
[illegible]

Article 6.

On motion duly made and seconded
Voted that the Trustees be instructed
to rent the house #20 Linden St. to
Rev W. Ham. on such terms as to them
[illegible]

to rent Property on

[illegible]
the lot and the sto[illegible] at the [illegible]
[illegible]

A special Meeting of the Christian [illegible]
on Thursday Evening October 24th at 8 P.M.
to act on the following articles:

Article 1.

To choose a chairman to preside at meeting.

Article 2.

To admit any new members who wish to join the corporation.

Notice of [illegible]

Article 3.

[illegible]
[illegible]
or what it will do in relation thereto.

Article 4.

To act on any other business that may come before the meeting.

Per order of the trustees
Wilfred A Bancroft
Clerk

Reading Mass. October 17, 1912.

Reading Mass Oct 24. 1912.

A special meeting of the Christian Union was held this evening.

The clerk read the notice of meeting and on motion duly made and seconded it was voted that the clerk cast one ballot for Mr. Morton chairman. This was done and Mr Morton was declared elected chairman of the meeting.

Article 2 was passed over

Article 3.

Voted to sell Barn & south half of Field & lot Property

On motion duly made and seconded it was voted — That the Trustees be authorized and empowered to sell for not less than Twelve hundred ($1200.00) Dollars, the barn and that part of lot (45) feet wide and about eighty-six (86) feet deep on the south portion of the premises owned by this corporation on Linden Street, Reading, and that the Treasurer, Edgar W. Hunt, be and hereby is authorized and directed to seal with a common seal, sign, acknowledge and deliver in the name and behalf of this Corporation a quitclaim deed of said barn and lot.

Article 4 passed over

Meeting adjourned

W. A. Bancroft

Clerk.

Annual Meeting.

April 7 1913.

The members of the Christian Union are hereby notified that the annual meeting will be held in Unity Hall, Reading, on Monday evening April 7 1913, at 7:30 o'clock, to act on the following articles, namely:

Article 1.

To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2.

To admit any new members who wish to join the union.

Article 3

To hear and act on the reports of the officers and committees.

Article 4

To choose a Clerk, Board of Trustees Treasurer, Collector, Historian and all other necessary officers for the ensuing year.

Article 5.

To choose committee on Music, Decorations and all other necessary committees for the ensuing year.

Article 6.

To choose a life member to the American Unitarian Association

Article 7.

To see what action shall be taken to raise money to defray the expense of the union for the ensuing year.

Article 8.

To see what actions shall be taken to supply the pulpit for the ensuing year.

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Article 9.

To see how much money the Union will appropriate for the pulpit, music, and other necessary expenses.

Article 10.

To see what action the Union will take in relation to repairing the church organ, as recommended by the music committee, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Article 11.

To see what action the Union will take in relation to insuring the church property, as suggested by the trustees, or what it will do in relation thereto.

Article 12.

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Per order of the trustees
Alfred A. Bancroft
[illegible] Clerk

Reading Mass April 7 1913

The regular annual meeting of the Christian Union was held this evening with quorum present.

Mr Loring Chairman

The clerk read the call for the meeting and on motion duly made one ballot was cast for Mr Chas. A. Loring for chairman and he was declared elected.

Article 2

On motion duly made voted that the following persons be and hereby are admitted as members of the Union.

Members admitted

Mrs. Ida G. Temple
Miss Ellen C Whitcomb
Mrs J. A. Goding
Mr J. A Goding

other later in evening

Article 3.

Reports were made by the following and on motions duly made accepted

Reports

Treasurer, Trustee (verbal) Finance Com. Collector, Auditor (verbal), Historian (verbal) Sunday School Treas. Pastor (verbal) Lookout Committee, Sewing Circle, Gleaners, Unity Club, Music committee Decorating Com (verbal) ~~Mon~~ Nominating Com.

Article 4

Election

The meeting then proceeded to election of officers as reported by the nominating committee

Trustees

On motion duly made and voted ballot was cast for Mr. Arthur N. Mansfield, Mr. Jesse W. Morton, Mr. Arthur W. Coolidge Mr. Edwin L. Hutchinson Mr. Harry L. Dane. and they were declared elected Trustees.

Treasurer

On motion duly made and voted ballot was cast for Mr. E. N. Hunt for Treasurer and he was declared elected

Clerk

On motion duly made and voted ballot was cast for W. A. Bancroft for clerk and he was declared elected

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Collector

On motion, duly made voted that ballot be cast for Miss Minnie K. Eames for collector. This was done and she was declared elected.

Historian

On motion, duly made voted that ballot be cast for Miss Olive Prescott for historian. This was done and she was declared elected.

Auditor

On motion, duly made voted that ballot be cast for Miss Mary A. Bancroft for auditor. This was done and she was declared elected.

Article 5.

On motion, duly made voted that ballot be cast for the committees as reported by the nominating committee. This was done and the following elected

Committees

Finance Committee
Mr. C. Winthrop Smith
" Chas. A. Loring
" Arthur N. Mansfield

Music Committee
Mr. C. Winthrop Smith
Mrs. Arthur W. Coolidge
Miss Emma Adden

Lookout Committee
Five members to be chosen by each society.

Nominating Committee for 1914
Mr. Alvah W. Clark
" Willard P. Adden
" Harry L. Dane
Miss Annie P. Reid

Article 6.

W. F. Ham Life member A U A

On motion duly made voted to instruct Treasurer to nominate Marion Franklin Ham as a life member of the American Unitarian Association when making our annual payment.

Article 7

raising funds

On motion duly made voted that the raising of funds for the society be left in the hands of the Trustees and the Finance committee

Article 8.

On motion duly made voted that the question of supplying the pulpit be left with the Trustees with full power.

Article 2

New Members (also others earlier in evening)

Article two was taken from the table and on motion duly made voted that the following be admitted into the Union

Mr. Harry P. Baker
Mrs Harry P. Baker
Mr. G. Edward Frost
Mrs G. Edward Frost

Article 9.

On motion duly made voted that the appropriation of funds be left to the Trustees with full powers. ~~that~~

Article 10.

com to report on organ

On motion duly made voted that a committee of four be appointed to consider the subject matter of the article and to report at a meeting before June 1st. Committe appointed was Music Committe and Mr Dennison

Article 11

On motion duly made voted that a committee of 5 and enlarged to 7 be appointed from the floor to consider

the subject matter of this article and to report at a later meeting about June 1st. committee appointed Mrs E. N. Hunt Mr. Adden Mr Wadlin Mr. A. P. Dane Mr. A. N. Howes Mr. A. W Clark Mr. C. W Smith.

Article 12

On motion of Mr Smith voted that the certified copy of the records of incorporation be included in our records (see next page)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
A Copy from Records of Middlesex Co. District Registry of Deeds.
Book 1093 Page 510
Attest. Albert T. Gettens Asst. Register.

Articles of Association and By Laws of The Christian Union of Reading, Mass. Article 1st. We the undersigned, believing in the Fatherhood of God, and the Brotherhood of Humanity, as taught by Jesus Christ, and acknowledging him our Teacher and Guide; and considering that belief a sufficient bond of Union, hereby associate ourselves together under the name of The Christian Union of Reading, Mass. for the purpose of moral and religious improvement, hoping and intending that this association shall help our progress in all good words and good works. Article 2d. Any person who concurs in the above views, may join us at any time, by signing the Articles of Association and By Laws; and any member who desires to withdraw from the Association at any time may do so by sending written notice thereof to the Clerk. By Laws. Article 1st. Each member of the Association shall have an equal vote at all meetings for business, and ten (10) members shall constitute a quorum. Article 2d. An annual meeting of the Association shall be held on the first Monday in April of each year, at such hour and place as the Trustees shall appoint; and at the meeting reports for the past year shall be made by the Trustees and Treasurer; and Officers shall be elected for the ensuing year. Article 3d. The Officers of the Association shall be a Clerk, a Treasurer and Collector and three (3) Trustees, to attend to the business of the Association according to directions given by the general meetings. Article 4th. Special meetings of the Association shall be called by the Clerk, at the request of the Trustees, or of any ten (10) members. Article 5th. Notice of each meeting shall be given at least seven (7) days previously, by posting up in at least three (3) public places, and the call for each meeting shall specify the subjects to be acted on. Article 6th. These Articles of Association and By Laws, may be altered at any annual or special meeting, notice thereof having been given in the call. Signatures E. Appleton, Wm. Proctor, Edward Safford, Saml. Holbrook, James Reid, H. Cox, James E. Gleason, A. P. Smith, C. F. Pinkham, C. B. McIntire, Andrew Howes, E. B. Fairchild, Harley Prentiss, Mary S. Howes, Maria P. Dinsmoor, Nellie C. Prentiss, Lydia P. Cox, Lizzie Smith, Eliza J Safford, W. M. Knight. D. L. Weston, William Laclair, B. F. Newell, Henry D. Wright, S. M. Hall, Reuben Nichols, Mary E. Wellington, Mar E. White, Susan A. Carter, Caroline C. Green, Elmira B. Hall, Margaret Pinkham, George C. Coney, Seth Bessey, Elizabeth Minot, Abigail H. Clapp C. A. Parker, M. F. Valentine, H. E. Valentine, Mary C. Harnden, Abby C. Clapp, Clara L. Pinkham, Mary N. Kendall, Mary I. Shankland, Eliza Dawes.

Middlesex, ss. Aug. 28th 1869. Recd. & Recorded

Attest. Chas. B. Stevens Reg.

Annual Meeting April 7 1913

Treasurers report April 1st 1912 to Apr 1 1913

Treasurers Report

Receipts

Paid in by collector	2027.75
Eda S. Hall	5.00
A.U.A Collection	30.00
Use of hall	42.00
Melpomine Club Bal in Treas	5.71
Interest Mortg & Deposit	89.99
Bal from 1912 Supply Com.	12.55
Sewing Circle	30.00
Gleaners	100.00
Unity Club	425.00
	2767.20
Balance April 1 1912	365.93
" " of Real Estate	685.80
	3818.93

Disbursements

Pastor	1500.00
Janitor	150.00
Coal Balance 1912	165.50
" April 1 1913	168.75
Gas & Elect. Lights	30.19
Music Committee	430.00
Amer. Unitarian Assn.	50.00
Insurance	286.35
Decorations	39.35
Silver and Dishes	60.69
Loans	373.41
Sundries	168.18
	3422.42
Balance on hand	396.51
	3,818.93

Apr 7 1913 E. N. Hunt
Treas

[illegible]

[illegible] 1911 [illegible]

[illegible] $1505.00

[illegible] committee [illegible]

Finance Com.

in 1911/12 there were [illegible] subscriptions amounting to 1337.40, this will [illegible] 39 or $54.00 in the number of subscriptions, each of $4.65 10 or 35¢ in amount. [illegible] subscribed $29.00, but paid only $29.00 - omitted subscribers [illegible] 4 [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] without [illegible] encouragement.

Respectfully

Minnie R. Eames

Collector

April 1, 1913

Finance Com.

Collectors Report

Collector's Report for 1913

Received from Treasurer	1701.80
Sundry Collections	231.29
Collected from last year	94.66
	2027.75
Paid Treasurer this year	2027.75
[illegible]	103.00
Collection [illegible]	19.00
[illegible]	84.50
Special collections [illegible]	23.15
Sunday School	5.65

Minnie R. Eames

Collector

Report of Treasurer of
First Universalist School.

Reading April 1st 1913

I herewith submit my report of the
receipts of the Sunday School from
May 5th to April 1st 1913.

Cash on hand May 5/12 — 100.92
Regular Sunday collection 9.75
Special " " 6.65

97.32

Paid Twining piano 200
Charity 5.10
Picnic Expenses 9.00
Books for Sunday School 7.40
Supplies 9.11
Unitarian Society 3.10
Printing 8.25
Presented to janitor 5.00
Rev. Dietrich 50 1.247
Beacon 40 copies, 1.00

Cash on hand 125.39
Bill unpaid about 10.00
Net total available
Respectfully
Lewis
Treasurer

Savings account
April 1/12 contributions 61.58
Int. 1/12 interest 2.22
63.80
Paid indebtedness 8.75
April 1/13 Savings Bank 55.05

Report for April 1/13

Sewing Circle

The Sewing Circle has had 27 members this year, meeting have been held every two weeks during school year with two exceptions. At the beginning of the year we had cash on hand and in bank 77.25

received money in bank	3.60
Rec. from dues	9.50
Aprons sold and work done	10.12
Sale Nov. 22 1912	7.90
" Sept 3	7.97
	35.79
	133.67

Sewing Circle

Bills Paid

Statute tax poll	3.00	
Materials	7.33	
To the church	30.00	40.33
		$92.74

Cash on hand 16.05
" in bank 76.69

The members have numbered 30 and have held 27 meetings this year, one at the regular [illegible] having been taken up by sacred cantata and [illegible]. The attendance at the meetings has been good - 10 being [illegible] twenty six being the largest.

The members have worked hard [illegible]

Flower

$23.^{00}$ and including dues and offerings and from various sources we have received $180.\frac{62}{\times}$ this year and have paid $100.^{00}$ to the church treasurer.

Respectfully submitted
Dora Hunter Secretary.

Finance Committee

The finance committee for the year have totted out in the following.

To the amount customary for a number of years, we have provided a noon-tide breakfast service with the usual numbers at Christmas and Easter. Mr. William M. Hall of Harvard College has been our regular soloist for most of our services and Miss Jennie Parker our organist.

Music

In during the past fiscal year we had to provide music for two Easters, one in April 1912 and the other in March 1913, our income attended to the year no matter, but there is a balance and all bills paid.

Since reopening our church we have had only three vesper services, owing to the fact that the Congregational church in December had an address of two vespers at the same hour as our service much reducing the attendance at our service.

At our vesper service we had no ~~singers as~~ soloists, Miss Edith Battle, contralto; Mrs. Byron Fonda, soprano; Miss Divided Hidy, [illegible] Mr. George S. Parker, tenor and [illegible]

Report Year ending Apr 1/13

Prince E. Gray Chairman, with Mrs. Frank H. McFearn of New York; Miss Jessie M. Young of Boston and Miss Jennie M. Garvey of Cadiz as organists.

The financial statement for the year is as follows,

Apr 1/12 Balance on hand	35.45	
from E. N. Hunt Trus	430.00	
" Mayer, collections	99.45	
		$564.90
Paid for Morning Music	409.59	
" " " Services	141.00	550.59
Mar 31/1913 Balance		$14.31

Finance

The committee believe that the time has come for us to rebuild our organ if we wish to maintain our position as leaders in church music in our town. The congregation has always been liberal, and the old Court Street church has never hesitated a good deal to make needed improvements.

Our organ has been in our church for more than 40 years and has had nothing except repairs since. Its age is against it, and it cannot hold above the pitch standard, making it much harder for our organists and also for our congregation, to sing with it. It is before pitch and is doubtful if the bellows will be improved. Also of the old style of construction, and the action has worked very loose and rattles so as to drown the sound of some of the notes. The electric blower is also very much in the way, and the furniture

and the inconvenience of the organist, when is needed for practice.

To compete in again writing for having the organ we said recommend that we should it on modern lines, keeping its present beautiful exterior, reducing the pipes, fitting in some new stops of modern standard, metal lining, tremulant action and the blower. He estimates that the instrument can be returned to active tone & dir. and cost for this work to be done we shall have an organ equal to any in the city considering its tone and dimensions, and superior to any other in town.

Music

If we take hold of the matter in earnest and decide to have our organ from definite specifications we may be able, through friends, to get the work done at a less price than otherwise.

Committee consider the subject of the pipe organ in our church services and are of the opinion that our present instrument will wear down at any time, therefore we recommend that the corporation take the matter in hand at once and have an organ built at the earliest possible moment.

Respectfully submitted
Frederick Lewis
Emma Addink
C. W. Smith
Music Committee

Meeting adjourned
H. A. Bancroft
Clerk

Reading, Mass. April 6, 1914

The regular annual meeting of The Christian Union was held this evening, a quorum being present.

In the absence of the Clerk, C. W. Smith was elected Clerk for this meeting and was duly sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of this office by Jesse N. Morton, Esq. Justice of the Peace.

The acting Clerk read the call for the meeting.

Article 1. On motion duly made Mr. Chas. A. Loring was elected Chairman of the meeting.

Art. 2. No person appearing asking to be elected a member of the Union this article on motion duly made, was laid on the table.

Art. 3. Upon motion it was voted to omit the reading of the records of the last meeting. Under this article the following reports were accepted and placed on file. Treasurer, Collector, Auditor (verbal), Finance Committee, Trustees,

Upon motion it was voted to lay Art. III on the table and take up Art. II.

Art. II. On nomination and motion duly made it was voted that the following be and hereby are admitted as members of the Union.

Mr. William F. Willson
Mrs. William F. Willson.

Upon motion duly made Art. II was laid on the table and Art. III taken up. Under this article the following reports were accepted and placed on file. Sewing Circle, Gleaners, Unity Club, Music Committee and Pastor: the Historian, Sunday School Treasurer and Decorating Committee being absent.

The Nominating Committee reported a list of Officers and Committees which was accepted.

Upon motion Art. II was taken from the table.

Art. II. On nomination and motion duly made it was voted that the following persons be and hereby are admitted to membership in the Union.

Mr. Percy N. Sweetser
Mrs. Percy N. Sweetser.

Upon motion Art. II was laid on table.

Art. IV. Mr. Wilfred A. Bancroft was nominated as Clerk for the ensuing year. Upon motion, the Clerk of the meeting was instructed to cast one ballot for Mr. Bancroft as Clerk, which he did, and Wilfred A. Bancroft was declared elected Clerk.

Upon motion, Art. IV was laid on the table and Art. II taken up.

Art. II. On nomination and motion duly made it was voted that the following persons be admitted to membership in the Union.

Mrs. Julia T. Carter
Mr. Edward O. Kenney
Mrs. Edward O. Kenney

On motion Art. II was laid on the table and Art. IV taken up.

On motion it was voted to instruct the Clerk to cast one ballot for Mr. Harry L. Dane, Mr. Edwin L. Hutchinson, Dr. Arthur A. Libby, Mr. Percy N. Sweetser and Mr. Wm H. Willson as Trustees; this ballot was cast and these persons declared elected Trustees.

On motion it was voted to instruct the Clerk to cast one ballot for Mr. Edgar N. Hunt as Treasurer; this ballot was cast and Mr. Hunt declared elected Treasurer.

Upon motion it was voted to elect, Miss Minnie K. Eames, Collector; Miss Mary A. Bancroft, Auditor, and Miss Olive A. Prescott, Historian.

Art. V. On motion duly made, it was voted that the Club cast a ballot for the committees as reported by the nominating committee. This was done and the following elected.

Finance Committee
Mr. Charles A. Loring
Mr. Arthur N. Mansfield
Mr. C. Winthrop Smith

Music Committee.
Miss Emma Adden
Miss Flora M. Ramsay
Mr. C. Winthrop Smith

Nominating Committee
Mr. Willard P. Adden
Mr. Alvah W. Clark
Mr. Harry L. Dane

On motion it was voted that other necessary committees be appointed by the Trustees

Art. VI. On motion duly made it was voted to nominate Mr. C. Winthrop Smith as a Life Member of the American Unitarian Association.

Art. VII. On motion duly made it was voted that the matter of raising funds be left in the hands of the Trustees and Finance Committee.

Art. VIII. On motion it was voted that the question of supplying the pulpit be left with the Trustees with full power.

Art. IX. On motion duly made it was voted the matter of appropriation of funds be left with the Trustees with full power.

Art. X. A verbal report was made by Mr. Smith for the committee on repairs of

organ. On motion it was voted that matter of repairs on organ be left to the Trustees and Music Committee to report without date.

On motion it was voted to elect Mrs. Geo. W. Lyde and Miss Mary A. Bancroft as our delegates to the anniversary meetings in Boston in May.

On motion, Art. X was tabled and Art. II taken up and passed over.

On motion, Art. X was taken up.

The matter of having the minister and choir wear robes, was suggested by the pastor, and after a short discussion it was voted that it was the sense of the meeting that the minister and choir be robed.

No further business appearing it was moved and voted to adjourn without date.

Attest,
C. Winthrop Smith
Clerk of the Meeting.

Trustees Report

From the report of the Treasurer we learn that at the close of the fiscal year in April last our society was in a healthy condition, in fact it is the finest time in over 30 years. We have been able to show a balance of money actually on hand with all bills paid to date. The attendance at the regular services during the last year have averaged well and, in fact, the general average for all Sundays is slightly in excess of that for the previous year. During the last year our church has contributed in the form of relief

and in the small Tabernacle at the Thousand Island Park, the cost of which was covered by a mortgage, which we have now paid and the title to the property is now established in the Church.

The church property, as a whole, is in good condition. Considerable work in the way of painting and kalsomining has been done to the exterior and interior of the church building. The chancel organ should have a new set of bellows and a new motor, which should be done without delay, for the comfort of the church and congregation. Both of these matters will be brought before the Trustees appointed to do so for consideration.

Trustees Report

During the year the expenses of the church have been met, the pews and the pastor fairly well supported and the Sunday School and the Epworth League have been active in their work and the splendid state of the church at the present time is the large addition in spiritual work.

The church is in a good condition financially and by church attendance, indicating a healthy condition of the church and the outlook at the present time is the brightest that the trustees have been able to report for several years. It is earnestly hoped that the coming indications of better conditions for the year to come.

Respectfully presented,

A. G. Mansfield
J. Minton
A. W. Coolidge
E. Sutherland
W. L. Doane
Trustees

Treasurer's Report

April 17, 1911 to April 6, 1912

Receipts

Dividends Pilgrim	1,943.62
Pilgrim Coupons	300
Interest on Mortgage	100
Collection	25.30
Collection for Pastor's Supper	50
U. C. Circle	15
Vacation Club	429.25
Sewing Circle	20
Pledges	50.
	2933.17
Cash on hand last report	416.51
	3,349.68

Treasurer's Report

Disbursements

Pastor	1,700.00
Janitor	1,[illegible]
Musician	[illegible]
Sexton	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
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[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
	[illegible]
Balance on hand in bank	[illegible]
	3,349.68

[illegible]
Treasurer.

Report of Finance Committee

Members of the Christian Union.

Your Finance Committee report for the year ending Dec 31 1914 as follows

Number of subscriptions	107
Amount Subscribed	1,699.50
Number of subscribers for year 1913 –	117
Amount Subscribed	1,509.00
Average amount each yr. 1913-1914 –	$15.84
" " " " 1912-1913	15.89

Finance

From this statement it is seen that the number of subscribers and amount subscribed are about the same as last year.

Respectfully submitted

[illegible]

[illegible]

Finance Committee

Collectors Report

Year 1913-1914

Collectors report

Paid on pledges	1,[illegible]
" " Sunday Collections	241.07
" " Lost pledges	105.15
	1,4[illegible].62
Paid to Next Treasurer	1,[illegible]
Balance	90.25
Which $18.00 is past due	

Minnie R. Ea[illegible]

Collector

Read & Plan April 1 1914

To the Ministerial Union,

Your Finance Committee for the past year respectfully submit the following report.

Following our practice of recent years we have provided a collection each Sunday, assisted by mission stations on special days.

All the main sums have maintained their position, and some are gratifyingly showing a steady improvement.

The income for the year follows:

Balance on hand	14.31
Received from Church Funds	400.00
Total	414.31
Expended on organ, coke, etc	18.34
Balance on hand	$396.97

This substantial balance is owing to the energetic issue in the matter of the church that during the past year the Eastern Section has been [illegible].

We also have to report the withdrawal from the ministry of Mr. H. Woodhouse, caused by his [illegible]. Since the time of Mr. Woodhouse's withdrawal the ministry under your Committee has been [illegible] and the Committee without a vacancy. [illegible] of another to fill [illegible]. During the year Mr. Woodhouse [illegible] found [illegible] all the churches willing to do [illegible] of the work, and we necessarily [illegible] [illegible] with the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Finance Committee

Sewing Circle Report

The meetings of the Sewing circle have been held two this past year. But few meetings have been held with an attendance of from six to thirteen.

Sewing Circle

To balance the year with cash on hand and interest at bank of	72.57	
Received for dues	7.00	
" " sale of aprons	16.00	
Interest at bank	2.40	
	102.27	102.27
Paid for fixtures	3.00	
" " flowers	5.00	
" " supplies	1.50	
" " church	20.00	29.50
Balance on hand	72.64	
		102.27

Of the balance of 72.64 seventy five Dollars is a fund.

Respectfully yours in the
Mary E. Somerville
Sec'y

Gleaners Report

Glaneos Report

The Glaners have sent a box of oil and started a meeting at Cayuga, notwithstanding many adverse circumstances, the cause has been greatly benefited. We have had a good deal of sickness and deaths in our village.

Received for contributions, social	14.15
" " " " sale	[illegible]
" " " " entertainment	[illegible]
" " " " [illegible]	[illegible]
" " " " [illegible]	10.98

including dues and contributions received on account received 119.67 leaving and have paid 50.00 to the church treasury.

Respectfully submitted
Dora A. French Sec'y & Treas

Annual Meeting

The members of the Christian Union are hereby notified that the annual meeting will be held in Unity Hall Reading on Monday evening April 5 1915 at 8 o'clock to act on the following articles, namely:

Article 1 To choose a chairman to preside at said meeting

" 2 To admit new members who wish to join the union.

" 3 To hear and act on the reports of the officers and committees

" 4 To choose a clerk, board of trustees, Treasurer, Collector, Historian and all Committees for the ensuing year.

" 5 To choose a life member to the Christian Unitarian Association.

" 6 To see what action shall be taken to raise funds for the support of the union for the ensuing year.

" 7 To see how much money the union will appropriate for the pulpit, music and other necessary expenses.

" 8 To see if the Union will appoint a committee to see upon what terms the church edifice can be sold and upon what terms and conditions a new edifice can be erected and where; this committee to make a report to the next Corporation within six months, or what they will do in relation thereto.

" 9 To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

By order of the trustees
W. A. Bancroft Clerk

Reading Mass March 27 1915

Reading Mass April 5 1915

The annual meeting of the Christian Union was held this day with quorum present.

The clerk read the call for the meeting

Article 1

On motion of Mr Hutchinson voted that the clerk cast one ballot for W. C. Nevins as chairman. The ballot was cast and W. C. Nevins was elected.

Article 2

Mr Warren L Fletcher was nominated and elected as a member of the union

Article 4.

The nominating committee made their report & ballots were cast and the following were elected.

Trustees Edwin L. Hutchinson, Arthur A Libby; Percy W. Sweetser; Wm H. Nelson; H. L. Dane

Treasurer Mrs [illegible]

Collector Miss Minnie K. Eames

Auditor Arthur J Young

Historian Miss Olive Prescott

Finance Committee

W. Smith; A. Williams; A. Young; W. P. Adden; W. S. Dennison and one of the trustees & the treasurer

Music Committee Warren L. Fletcher Mrs W. P. Adden & Mrs W. A. Bancroft

Nominating Committee W. S. Dennison A. H. Jewett & E. L. Hutchinson

Clerk election of clerk was deferred until the end of the warrant.

Article 3

The reports of the following were received and accepted. Trustees,

Treasurer, Collector, Sunday School; Spring Tide; Cleaners; Auditing Clerk; Decorating; Music; Finance;

Article 5.

On motion duly made, voted to nominate Mrs. Henry W. Sweetser as a member of the American Unitarian Association.

Article 6

On motion duly made voted to leave the question of raising funds in the hands of the Finance Committee and the Trustees.

Article 7.

On motion duly made voted to leave the matter of appropriations to the Trustees.

Article 8.

On motion duly made voted to appoint a committee to carry out the suggestion as mentioned in Article 3. Messrs Mansfield, Dame, Dorin, Smith and Sutherland were appointed.

Article 4 taken up.

On motion duly made the first one ballot for Mr. Cornelius Smith, for clerk, and he was duly elected.

Article 9

On motion duly made voted to extend the thanks of the Union to Mr. Bancroft for his services rendered during the past year.

On motion duly made voted that the thanks of the society be extended to Mr. E. M. Hunting for his services both mentally and financially for the year as the Union treasurer.

On motion duly made voted to thank Mr. Dennison for his services and work on the church

organ

On motion duly made Voted to thank Mr Smith and the other members of the music committee for their past work

Meeting adjourned

Wilfred A Bancroft Clerk

[illegible] The Board of Trustees herewith present for your consideration their report for the year just ended.

[illegible] at the last meeting of the parish at the last annual meeting the trustees asked their first duty [illegible] to the parish [illegible] W. F. Ham and to pay him a salary of $[illegible]. This the same as last year, and your board feel [illegible] that a raise of at least $100 should be given [illegible], and they voted that if the financial condition of the church would allow this additional $100. should be given him at the end of the year. It is with much regret that we are obliged to report that we are unable to do this as enough money has not come in.

The Christian [illegible] bequest of $500. from the late George [illegible], in [illegible] months [illegible] community, a [illegible] of the

Christian Union, it is to and one who was always interested in its work and its success. The terms of this bequest provide that a memorial window, with those already in the church be added, and the balance should be used for general improvements. The trustees have carried out the provisions in regard to the window, and have made the balance of money available for this bequest to the church, the organ and instalment of a motor to do away with the hand pumping. The work on the organ was done by Mr. H. S. Dennison at an expense of about $500. Mr. Dennison made a charge to the society of $300.00 and contributed the balance of $300.00. The trustees desire to take this opportunity to express their thanks for this very generous gift.

The condition of the church property is in good repair, the house and has required no extensive expenditure. Last year a lamp was built at the front entrance to the church. These have stood in their usefulness and neighborhood had to be built a new one instead.

Your minister and the trustees have met together and discussed ways and means of creating a more active interest in the church among the men of the parish. We feel that something must be done to bring forcibly to the mind of the new comers and to awaken in the minds of others the necessity of their active cooperation in order that the Christian Union may hold the position of influence in the community that by its members it is entitled and expected

Feb 6th. Some months before this a society was formed at a meeting held at Mr. Sibley's in Harvard. It was a most enthusiastic meeting and after listening to an address from Mr. Samuel Hobbs of the women's branch of the C.L.U. the society was organized and about thirty names added to the charter list. The officers elected were F. S. Hutchinson President, Mary P. Baker secretary, Caleb Butler treasurer.

It is the intention to have a meeting once a month during the winter at which an interesting speaker will entertain the members.

Trustees report Apl 5/15

The trustees wish to acknowledge the valuable assistance given in the different societies connected with the church and to assure them that it is fully and gratefully appreciated. There has been considerable discussion during the year that concerning the question of the advisability of selling our present church property and building a new church on a less noisy and more centrally located site. The trustees together with the minister and some of the members of the society met in March and discussed at length the proposition. It was the unanimous opinion of those present that in view of the quite

extensive sentiment for a new church that steps could properly be taken to view the matter before the parish at the annual meeting at this time, and have the matter fully explained and discussed. The trustees feel that a considerable amount of money must be spent right away on the present property if we are to continue there, including a new organ in the church auditorium, a sanitary arrangement for Unity Hall, and a more satisfactory method for heating same. They are due, since, however, that in the present property could be sold for what it should bring, a church as large as the present could be built without placing a new large financial burden on our Society. The trustees have considered the new church proposition with Mr. Fielding, and he has been provided prepared estimates, which, when ready, he will show and explain to you under an article later in the warrant.

Trustees Report April 5/15

Board of Trustees
Edwin F. Hutchinson
Chairman

Treasurer's report

[illegible] 1913

Receipts		Payments	
Collector	1531.75	Pastor	1700.01
A.V.A. Collection	17.00	Janitor	1[illegible].00
Sunday School & M.A.	25.00	Music Com.	[illegible].00
Rent	300.00	Interest	100.00
[illegible]	500.00	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	75.00	Sexton's salary	[illegible]
" Church	15.51	[illegible]	[illegible].00
Return prem. Sec.	.907	Pierce organ	20.00
Unity Club	368.00	Coal bill	[illegible]
[illegible]	12[illegible].01	Gas Co	62.[illegible]
Bal. on hand Apr 1914	1263.7	Elect Lt. Co.	4.16
		Sundry bills	9[illegible].64
		Bal on hand in bank	213.89
	3,233.70		3,233.70

Owing

Music committee	200.00
Pierce Organ Co	50.00
Francis Bros	15.45
Water bills	8.07
W. F. Cook	1.20
P. N. Sweetser	4.00
The Chronicle "esh.	24.00
[illegible] Tr.	75.00
E. N. Hunt	153.51
Prentiss Neall Ins	130.62
	$661.85
less cash on hand	213.89
	$447.96
Due from Trustees	100.00
	$347.96

Ed. N. Hunt
Treasurer

Collector's Report 1914 1915

Received from pledges	1246.00
" " Sunday collections	285.37
" " Last year's pledges	22.00
	1553.37
Paid E. L. Hunt Treasurer	1545.26
	4.11

Collector's Report 1914/15

Not collected	47.65
received since report	30.00
Good	19.65

Minnie K. Eames
Collector

Treasurer's Report

Christian Union, Sunday School

Receipts

Pastor's and May 1914	104.62
Collections	70.63
Birthday Box & collections	4.01
	183.26

Paid

Pledge to church	55.00
Central Church Extension	18.00
D. A. Burnett, salary	15.10
Donation Father & Mothers Club	3.00
Florist, Bell	3.50
Printing & expense	16.73
Supplies	41.87
	113.27

Balance on hand — 69.99

[illegible] the
Christian Union society.

This society may work in part from necessity like, it may be helpful and pleasant to find it the most work. It has held four

Sewing Circle 1914 & 1915

meetings so far this year at the homes of its members, where they have very pleasant times. The members tack comforters, make quilts, towels and aprons when people wish them. We had a table at the Thanksgiving [illegible] this year a little [illegible]. These are the people who have done the work for the church which the young people must now do.

The Chairman of the Decorating Committee submits the following report:

"Beginning after the annual meeting in 1914 the church was decorated with flowers each Sunday until the vacation, with special decorations at Easter. Cut

Cem.

flowers were used until wild and garden flowers were available, and these were kept by some members in the vases. At the evening [illegible] in the fall we were [illegible] until the cold weather. Then for financial reasons we were obliged to [illegible] flowers, but did [illegible] the church [illegible]. The Sunday school and the [illegible] societies made possible a display at Easter, and 24 potted plants were sent to those who were unable to be present at day.

Annie P. Reid
Chairman

Reading Mass April 5/15

To the Christian Union

Your Music Committee makes the following report for the past year.

The principal item of interest the past year has been the change in our organ. During the summer recess the Trustees contracted with Dennison for the installation of an electric blower, the cleaning of the pipes and changes in the stops whereby the power and efficiency of the organ were largely increased, much to the pleasure of your committee. Much extra work was done on the organ by Mr. Dennison and his assistants in excess of the amount paid for, for which we offering to us and to the church are due to their great interest in our good will.

During the year Miss Dennison has continued her valuable services as organist and our custom of having different soloists, vocal and instrumental, has been continued during the past year. It may not be out of place that in the past six years we have had 40 different soloists. This will give you some idea of the work of the committee in trying to find acceptable musicians for our services.

Our cash balance April 1 1914 was	21 97
Our appropriation was	400 00
Expenses for year to April 1/15	421 97
Balance June 1 15	411 18
	$13.79

Respectfully submitted

C. Winthrop Smith
Emma L. Dean
Flora M. Ramsay

Music Com

Ladies Mass Meeting

To the Christian Union.

Your Finance Committee makes the following report of the last year.

Considerable large part removals from towns, and deaths among our people, the subscriptions and the receipts of the church are less than last year, but we feel that this is a time of encouragement that will be more than made good next year.

Subscriptions have yielded $1,500.00 which is about $350.00 less than last year.

Respectfully

C. M. Smith

Chmn of Finance Committee

Annual Meeting April 3, 1916

Annual Meeting.

The members of The Christian Union of Reading Massachusetts, are hereby notified that the Annual meeting will be held in Unity Hall, on Monday evening April 3, 1916 at 7.30 to act on the following Articles, namely:—

Article I.

To choose a Chairman to preside at said meeting.

Article II

To admit new members to the Union.

Article III

To hear and act upon the Reports of the officers and committees

Article IV

To choose by ballot a Clerk, Board of Five Trustees, Treasurer.

Article V

To choose a Collector, Historian, Music Committee, Finance Committee, Nominating Committee and other committees for the ensuing year.

Article VI

To choose two lay delegates to the Annual meeting of the American Unitarian Association, to be held next May.

Article VII

To choose a Life Member of the American Unitarian Association.

Article VIII

To see what action shall be taken to raise funds for the support of the Union for the ensuing year.

Article IX

To see how much money the Union will appropriate for the pulpit service, music, and other necessary expenses.

Article X

To hear and act upon the report of the committee appointed at the last Annual Meeting to consider the matter of the sale of the

present church property and erection of a new church building.

Article XI

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Per order of the Trustees.

C. Winthrop Smith,
Clerk.

Reading, Mass. March 18, 1916.

Reading, Mass. Apr. 3. 1916

The regular annual meeting of The Christian Union was held this evening a quorum being present.

The meeting was called to order by the Clerk who read the call for the meeting.

Article I Under Article I of the Warrant a motion duly made and seconded the Clerk cast one ballot for Arthur H. Merrill as Chairman of the meeting and he was duly elected Chairman.

Article II Mrs. J. S. Brown presented her letter of dismissal from the First Parish Congregational Church of Saco, Maine, and upon motion was elected a member of The Christian Union and signed the By-Laws.

No further business offering for action to come before this Article was laid on the table.

Article III The report of the Trustees was presented by Percy H. Swetser, Chairman, read and accepted.

The report of the Treasurer was read by Chas. E. Judkins, Treasurer, and accepted.

The report of the Collector Miss Minnie F. Evans was read and accepted.

The report of the Music Committee was presented by Warren L. Stetson and accepted.

The report of the Finance Committee was read by C. H. Smith, Chairman and accepted.

Miss Olive A. Prescott, Librarian made a verbal report which was accepted.

A verbal report was made for the Flowers and accepted.

The report of the Girls Club was read by Mrs. Arthur H. Merrill, Flower Committee and accepted.

The Superintendent of the Sunday School, Edwin L. Hutchinson made a verbal report which was accepted.

The Nominating Committee reported the following for Officers and Committees, viz:

for Trustees Arthur N. Mansfield, Geo. W. S. Sole, Otis B. Ruggles, Percy N. Sweetser, and Carl B. Sawyer. Treasurer, Chas. E. Judkins: Auditor Arthur J. Gowing: Music Committee, Miss Emma Adden, Frances L. Fletcher, C. W. Smith; Finance Committee, Chas. A. Loring, Wilfred A. Bancroft, Wm. S. Dennison, Edwin L. Hutchinson, Willard P. Adden: Collector, Miss Minnie K. Evans; Nominating Committee Willard P. Adden, Dr. Arthur A. Libby, Wm. H. Willson: Clerk C. Winthrop Smith: Historian, Miss Olive W. Tuxcott. Report accepted.

Art. IV. Under this Article, the Chairman was instructed to cast one ballot for C. Winthrop Smith for Clerk, which was done and he was declared elected. Mr. Mansfield and Mr. Sole declined to serve as Trustees and Charles F. Reid and Harry P. Baker were nominated in their places. The Clerk was then instructed to cast one ballot for Harry P. Baker, Chas. F. Reid, Percy N. Sweetser, Otis B. Ruggles and Carl B. Sawyer as Trustees, which was done and they were declared elected.

Upon motion the Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Chas. E. Judkins for Treasurer which was done and he was declared elected.

Art. V. Upon motion the Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Miss Olive W. Tuxcott as Historian which was done and she was declared elected.

Upon motion Chas. A. Loring, Wilfred A. Bancroft, Wm. S. Dennison, Edwin L. Hutchinson, Willard P. Adden, the Treasurer Chas. E. Judkins, and one member of the Board of Trustees to be chosen by them, were elected Finance Committee.

Upon motion Willard P. Adden, Dr. Arthur A. Libby and Wm. H. Willson were elected Nominating Committee.

Upon motion Arthur J. Gowing was elected Auditor.

Upon motion Art. V was laid on the table.

Art. VI Upon motion Mrs. Geo. W. S. Lee and Mrs. Ida G. Temple were elected lay delegates to the Annual meeting of The American Unitarian Association to be held next May.

Art. VII Owing to the change made last year in the By-Laws of The American Unitarian Association no action was taken under this Article.

Art. VIII On motion it was voted to refer the subject matter of this Article to the Trustees and Finance Committee.

Art. IX On motion it was voted to refer the subject matter of this Article to the Trustees and Finance Committee.

Art. X No written report was presented but Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey, Chairman, made a verbal report of progress.

Art. V Upon motion Article V was taken from the table and Mrs. Emma Hoover was elected Clerk, and Miss Emma A. Fernald, Mr. Edwin and Mrs. J. Hilson were elected Music Committee.

Art. II Upon motion Article II was taken from the table and Miss Edith L. Parks, Mrs. Chas. E. Jenkins, Mr. Ezra N. Grant, Mr. Edw. L. Kimball, Mr. Albert F. Brown and Mrs. A. F. Brown were nominated as members and duly elected.

Art. IV The nomination of Miss Lucretia Hall as a member of the Union was presented by the Clerk and upon motion the Clerk was directed to send Miss Hall a letter of dismission as having met elsewhere and seems to become a member of the Unitarian Church in Lowell.

Upon motion of Mr. Jenkins, the Treasurer was instructed to take $100. of the legacy given the Union by Mr. Geo. F. Lord and pay the same on account of the mortgage on

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the Treasury.

Upon motion the Trustees were instructed to insert in the warrant for the next meeting of the Union an amendment to the By-Laws changing the date of the annual meeting from the first Monday in April to second Tuesday.

Mr. H. C. Lawrence moved that the vote for the regular service be changed to 11 A.M., but the motion was lost.

A short address was made by the Pastor Geo. N. Fenn, and Mr. Henry Stone, Dr. S. S. Rounds and others on matters of interest.

Committees were instructed to appoint Committees of six as Lookout Committee, Charity Committee and Visiting Committee.

No other business appearing, the meeting adjourned without date.

Attest

C. Winthrop Smith.
Clerk.

Treasurer's Report, 1916

Received		$	Disbursements	
Collector		1778.00	Electricity	27.44
Gleaners		157.48	Note First Nat.	100.00
W. R. Girls		20.51	Gas	1.65
1/3 mortgage	W. W. A.	100.00	Heating	145.00
Rent		300.00	E. N. Hunt	50.00
Notes		300.00	Int. on Mortgage, Parsonage	100.00
Unity Club		391.00	" " Notes	4.56
Est. E. P. Buck		1032.61	Insurance	130.62
Cash on hand		213.89	Janitor service	150.00
		$ 4293.49	Miscellaneous Ex.	33.33
			Music	323.05
			Mortgage W. W. A.	100.00
			Pulpit	1700.00
			Printing	27.74
			Repairs on piano	2.50
			" " Organ	50.00
			" " Church	2.45
			" " Parsonage	.60
			Postage. C. W. Smith	7.38
			" Miss Eames	3.50
			Water at Parsonage	18.20
			" " Church	9.00
			Mun's Supplies	3.87
			Life Membership, W. W. A.	50.00
				$3040.94
			Balance on hand	1252.55
				$ 4293.49

Accounts Payable

P. N. Sweetser	$ 72.29
Francis Bros.	46.45
W. E. & F. F. Turnbly	16.75
Prentiss & Viall	130.93
Taxes	87.75
Note First Nat. Bk	300.00
Music Com	200.00
Summer Assist	75.00
E. N. Hunt	103.51
	$ 927.68
Collection W. H. A.	22.20
	949.88

Approved.
Auditor
Arthur J. Gowing

Collector's Report 1915 1916

Collected from Subscriptions		1315.93
Subscriptions Last year		196.82
Sunday collections		222.35
Special Collections		
Canada Church	10.81	
A.W.A.	22.20	33.01
		1767.00
Paid Treas. Mr. Judkins		1768.00
Missing R. Earns, Collector.		
Certified Correct. Attest: J. Fanning, Auditor.		

Unity Club Report.

Balance April 5. 1915		1.93
Receipts from April 5, 1915 to Apr. 3. 1916		453.73
Expenses	63.9	
C. E. Judkins, Treas.	391.00	
Bal. April 3. 1916	.71	
	455.66	455.66

Collin J. Fanning Treas.

Music Committee

Expended.	Carlen J. Shinn	5.80
	Marion L. Hurd	3.00
	Jennie Parker	188.25
	Hattie Knowles	126.00
		323.05

Finance Committee

Reading, Mass. April 1, 1916

To The Christian Union of Reading, Mass.

Your Finance Committee report as follows.

Subscriptions have come in this first year more slowly than for any second year. Within a few years we have lost by death or removal from town more than forty supporters and few new ones have come to take their places.

We have received 75 subscriptions amounting to $1379.27; in 1912 we had 117 subscriptions amounting to $1809.50; in 1913 we had 109 amounting to $1699.50; in 1914 we had 85 amounting to 1350.00

This steady decline does not speak well for the loyalty or liberality of our people. We hope the coming year will reverse this record and prove the most generous in our history.

Respectfully submitted for the Finance Committee,

C. H. Smith

Chairman.

Special Meeting, April 24, 1916

A Special meeting of The Christian Union of Reading, Massachusetts will be held in the Church, Monday, April 24, 1916, at 7.30 p.m. to consider and act upon the following Articles namely:

Chairman — Article I.

To choose a Chairman to preside at the meeting.

Pulpit — Article II.

To see what instructions will be given the Trustees in regard to filling the pulpit for the ensuing year.

New Church Com. — Article III.

To hear and act upon the Report of the Committee appointed to consider the subject of a new church building.

Amend B. Laws — Article IV

To see if the Corporation will vote to amend Article II of the By Laws by striking out the word "Monday" and inserting in its place the word "Tuesday", so that the annual meeting will be held on the First Tuesday in April of each year.

Article V

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

By order of the Trustees

C. Winthrop Smith

Clerk.

Reading, Mass., April 18, 1916

Notice

The meeting will be preceded by a supper in Unity Hall at 6.30 p.m. for which the tickets will be 25 cents.

Special Meeting, April 24, 1916

Article I The meeting was called to order by the Clerk and upon motion the Clerk was instructed to cast one vote for Chas. A. Loring for Chairman. This was done and Mr. Loring was elected Chairman.

Art. IV Upon motion of C. M. Smith duly seconded & carried it was voted to take up Article IV.

Mr. Smith made the following motion: "Move, to amend Article II of the By Laws by striking out the word "Monday" and inserting in its place the word "Tuesday" so that this Article shall read: An annual meeting of the Association shall be held on the first Tuesday in April of each year etc. The motion having been seconded it was voted without dissent to so amend the By Laws.

Art. II. Article II was then taken from the table and Mr. C. B. Ruggles Treasurer of the Trustees, spoke outlining fully the situation regarding the pulpit supply, etc. Other useful addresses were made by Mr. A. H. Mansfield, Chairman Loring, Hon. F. G. Wadlin, Mr. Carl B. Sawyer of the Trustees, Mr. F. L. Daus, Mrs. Mansfield and others. After a free discussion it was on motion duly made & seconded, voted unanimously to instruct the Trustees to engage Rev. Mr. Hunt as Pastor for the ensuing year.

Art. III Under this Article Mr. Mansfield reported verbally that there was nothing new to report and Mr. Smith further stated that the hoped for sale of the church property was in large measure dependent upon the action of the Town regarding a new town office building.

~~Art. IV~~ page

Art. V Under this Article the financial condition of the Union was fully discussed by Mr. Wadlin, Mr. Mansfield, Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Sweetser, Miss Prescott, Mr. Ruggles and others. This discussion brought out the fact that there was a deficit of about $900. that had been growing for several years and that the yearly subscriptions had fallen off about $350.00 a year for the past few years.

Under the inspiring leadership of Mr. Loring and Mr. Hadlie, over $400. was subscribed towards the expenses of the ensuing year and Mr. Loring showed his persuasive powers by procuring subscriptions of over $500. toward reducing the deficit. Seldom has the Union seen a more enthusiastic gathering of its people.

Mr. Hutchinson, Supt. of the Sunday School, Mr. Lovetser of the Trustees, and Mr. Hadlie urged more hearty support of the Sunday School.

Mr. Metcalf spoke forcibly of the need of more active Committee work and of closer union with the American Unitarian Association.

Mr. Ruggles announced that the Trustees had placed Justin Sawyer in charge of the church property.

Mr. Sawyer announced that the Easter Collection amounted to $2.50.

No further business appearing it was voted to adjourn

A true record

Attest

C. Winthrop Smith,
Clerk.

Art. IV. Under this Article it was on motion duly made and seconded:

Voted: That Article II of the By Laws be amended by striking out the word "Monday" and substituting the word "Tuesday" so this article shall read: Article II. "An Annual meeting of the Association shall be held on the first Tuesday in April of each year" etc.

Attest

C. Winthrop Smith
Clerk

Annual Meeting, April 3, 1917

Warrant

The members of The Christian Union of Reading, Massachusetts are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting will be held in Unity Hall, on Tuesday evening April 3, 1917, at 7.30 to act on the following Articles namely:-

Article I

To choose a Chairman to preside at said meeting.

Article II

To admit new members to the Union.

Article III

To hear and act upon the Reports of the Officers and Committees.

Article IV

To choose by ballot a Clerk, Board of Five Trustees and Treasurer.

Article V

To choose a Committee for the ensuing year, Music Committee, Finance Committee, Nominating Committee and other Committees for the ensuing year.

Article VI

To choose two lay delegates to the Annual Meeting of the American Unitarian Association, to be held next May.

Article VII.

To choose a Life Member of the American Unitarian Association.

Article VIII

To see what action shall be taken to raise money for the support of the Union for the ensuing year.

Article IX

To see how much money the Union will appropriate for the pulpit service music and other necessary expenses.

Article X

To hear and act upon the report of the Committee appointed at the last Annual Meeting to consider the matter of the sale of the present church property and erection of a new church building,

Article XI

To see if the members will vote to sell the church building and land on Leading Square, for the place of sale, or remove and improve the property, or what they will do in relation to the matter.

Art. XII

To see what instructions will be given the Trustees and Officers

Article XIII.

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

By order of the Trustees

O. Winthrop Smith

Clerk.

Reading, Mass., Apr. 3, 1917

The regular Annual Meeting of The Christian Union was held this evening about 40 being present.

The meeting was called to order by the Clerk who read the call for the meeting.

Article I. Under Art. I of the warrant upon motion duly made and seconded, the Clerk cast one ballot for Charles A. Loring for Chairman of the meeting and he was declared elected Chairman.

Article II. The Clerk presented Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E. Kinsley as applicants for membership and on motion they were elected members of The Christian Union.

On motion Article II was laid on the table.

Article III Under this Article the report of the Treasurer was made by Mr. Otis B. Ruggles and on motion was accepted and ordered recorded.

The report of the Treasurer was presented by Mr. Judkins showing receipts of $4363.66, expenditures of $4210.42 and balance on hand $153.24

The report was accepted and ordered recorded.

The report of the Collector was presented by Mrs. Sawyer, accepted and ordered recorded.

Mrs. Emma Hodgkins Chairman of the House Committee reported verbally the sum of expenditure of $414.80 by the Committee for the year.

The Finance Committee presented no report.

The report of the Historian was presented by Miss Prescott, accepted and ordered recorded.

Mrs. A. L. Francis reported verbally for the Friendly.

The report of the Unity Circle was presented verbally by Mrs. W. F. Hodgkins.

There was no report from the Junior Unity Circle.

Miss Mary A. Sanborn made a verbal report of the Activities of the Sewing Circle.

In the absence of the Superintendent of the Sunday School a verbal report was made by Mr. N. L. Lord.

The Nominating Committee through Mr. W. F. Hodgkins reported the following as officers and Committees for the Coming year:

Trustees — Otis B. Ruggles, C. C. Gower
P. M. Sweetser, C. B. Sawyer, Wm H. Wilson
Clerk — C. W. Smith
Treasurer — Wilfred A. Bancroft.
Collector — Mrs. C. B. Sawyer.
Music Committee, Miss Emma Alden,
Mrs. A. W. Damon. Mrs Benj. Hutchinson.
Finance Committee, C. W. Smith, C. W. Loring.
H. P. Baker, W. S. Dennison, Harriet E. Evans
Historian — Miss Olive A. Prescott.
Nominating Committee. Wm H. Wilson
Dr. W. A. Libby, A. F. Mansfield
Auditor — A. J. Loring.

A vote of thanks was given the Sunday School & Miss Effie K. Eames for the gift of a flag to the Church by the school.

Article IV.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Otis B. Ruggles, H. P. Baker, P. M. Sweetser, C. B. Sawyer and Wm H. Wilson for Trustees. The Clerk cast the ballot and these five were declared elected Trustees.

Upon motion the Chairman was instructed to cast a ballot for C. W. Smith as Clerk, the vote was cast and C. W. Smith elected Clerk.

Upon motion the Clerk cast one ballot for Wilfred A. Bancroft as Treasurer and he was declared duly elected.

Article V. Acting under this Article, upon motion duly made the ~~Clerk cast one b~~ Collector, Music Committee, Finance Committee, Historian, Nominating Committee and Auditor were elected as nominated.

Article VI. The Trustees were empowered to choose the delegates under this article.

Article VII. It was voted to pass over this Article.

Article VIII. The subject matter of this Article was referred to the Finance Committee. ~~Trustees~~ report

Article IX. The subject matter of this Article was left to the joint action of the Finance Committee and Trustees.

Article X Passed over.

Article XI The Finance Committee and Trustees were instructed to consider the matter of this Article jointly and to report at a special meeting.

Article XII Under this Article the Clerk presented a motion directing the Trustees to fence the existing and some new line of the Church lot and explained that the motion was for the purpose of protecting the rights of the Corporation in regard to the right of way adjoining the property of Oliver P. Howard. After extended discussion the matter was referred to the Trustees with full powers, with the express understanding that they would raise the line fence.

Article XIII Mr. Fielden introduced the subject of removing and razing the old Church building on Mr. C. A. Loring's order to pay the cost of removal.

Upon motion of Mr. A. E. Elliot of the American Unitarian Association to Mr. Hamm was granted leave of absence for May 6 and 13 in order to go to Chattanooga, Tenn. to represent the Society at the U. U. A. in annual Conference.

Mr. A. A. Levy introduced at the request of Mr. Hamm the subject of allowing the use of Unity Hall by a troop of Boy Scouts and on motion of Mr. Mangold the use of the Hall was allowed for this purpose under the control of the Trustees.

No further business appearing the meeting dissolved.

Attest

E. H. Smith

Clerk

Trustees Report.

March 31, 1917.

The Trustees submit herewith their Annual Report.

It must be apparent that the prosperity and future welfare of the Church depends upon the co operation of its members. There is a chance for improvement in this respect and it is hoped that more interest will be shown the coming year.

Your trustees entered upon the duties of their office for the year just closed facing a deficit of $949.88. At a special meeting $580.51 was raised to reduce this amount. We close the year with a deficit of $641.31 - being $335.57 less than last year.

No encouragement can be had from these figures as some of the members who subscribed last year's deficit reduced their subscription accordingly.

Last fall the Unitarian Men's Club was organized and from present indications it will be a forceful adjunct to the Church.

The average Church attendance has been larger than the previous year; the men turning out in much greater numbers.

We thank those who have worked for the interest of the Church and given encouragement by their presence at the services. We earnestly hope more will join in the good work, so that this Society which was founded

by those hard-working and good souls who have passed beyond, may not perish.

Otis B. Ruggles
H. P. Baker "
Carl R. Sawyer
Chas. F. Reid.

Treasurer's Report. 1917.

March 31, 1917

Cash on hand Apr. 3, 1916	$1252.55	
Rec'd from Mrs. Shorten	16.70	
" from Mrs. Carl M. Sawyer collector	2539.41	
" from Gleaners	5.00	
A. U. A. Associates	100.00	
Unity Club	450.00	
		$4363.66

Expended.

Pulpit	$1450.00	
Music	417.80	
Electricity & Gas	49.34	
Coal & Wood	305.79	
Water	16.60	
Janitor	150.00	
Taxes	85.85	
Repairs	68.63	
Insurance	130.93	
Cleaning	5.00	
Interest	63.61	
Printing	24.15	
Carpets	70.01	
E. N. Hunt Loan	103.51	
First Nat. Bk notes	200.00	
A. U. A. Note	100.00	
" " " Collection	22.20	
Mortgage	1000.00	
		$4210.42
Cash on hand		153.24
		$4363.66

Certified Correct
A. J. Gowing, Auditor

The Christian Union.
Per Chas. E. Judkins, Treas.

Collector's Report 1916-1917

Collected from Subscriptions	$1511.30
Last year 1915-1916	60.00
Deficit	580.51
Sunday Collection	406.38
	$2558.19

Paid Mr. Judkins	$2539.41
Paid Helen Brown	18.78
	$2558.19

Helen F. Sawyer, collector

Certified Correct, A. J. Gowing, auditor

On Hand $18.69

$40.00 unable to collect.

Sunday collections

Last year	$205.26	
This year	406.38	
Gain		$141.12

Subscriptions received

Last year	$1315.92	
This year	1511.30	
Gain		$195.38

Total Collected, year 1915-1916	$1778.50
" " , " 1916-1917	$2539.41
Gain	$761.41

Special Meeting, Nov. 30, 1917.

Warrant.

A special meeting of The Christian Union of Reading, Massachusetts, will be held at the Church at 7.45 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, 1917. to consider and act upon the following Articles:

Article I.

To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article II.

To admit any new members who may wish to join the Union.

Article III.

To hear and consider the report and recommendations of the Trustees regarding Union Services of the Churches in the Town, and to take such action as the members may decide regarding this subject matter.

Article IV

To see what instructions the members will give the Trustees and officers regarding financial and other matters of the Church.

Article V

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

By Order of the Trustees,
C. Winthrop Smith
Clerk.

Reading Mass, Nov. 22, 1917

Nov. 22, 1917
Copy posted on the Church and two other public places in Reading.
C. W. Smith
Clerk

Special Meeting, Nov. 30, 1917.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant — a Special Meeting of the members of The Christian Union was held this evening, about thirty being present:

The meeting was called to order by the Clerk and the Warrant read.

Art. I Acting under Art. I, Mr. Charles A. Loring was nominated for Moderator for the evening. Upon motion made and seconded the Clerk was instructed to cast one vote for Mr. Loring as Moderator. The Clerk cast the ballot as directed and declared Mr. Loring elected.

Art. II No persons appearing wishing to become members no action was taken under this Article.

Art. III Mr. Willson chairman of the Trustees reported for the Trustees regarding the meeting recently held at the home of Mrs. Libby of our Board of Trustees and representatives of the other Protestant Churches of Reading to consider the matter of fuel conservation by means of union services and the closing of one or more of the churches.

The Trustees did not anticipate any financial saving by such action but did think there would be a saving of fuel and advised that steps be taken to bring about in some manner such union services

Upon motion of Mr. Willson it was,
Voted: That the Board of Trustees be given full power to represent The Christian Union Society on the Committee for the temporary uniting of the Protestant Churches of Reading.

After further discussion it was moved and
Voted: That it is the expression of this meeting that we are in favor of uniting with the other Protestant churches of the town.

Art. V Upon motion it was voted to take up Art. V and acting under this Articles, after a few remarks the Secretary presenting the following messages which was adopted by a unanimous rising votes and the Clerk was directed to send copies to Mrs. Parker and family and the Woburn church, namely:-

"The members of The Christian Union of Reading extend to Mrs. Henry C. Parker and family their sincere sympathy with them in their great bereavement and earnestly hope that strength may be given them to sustain them through this time of sorrow."

"The members of The Christian Union Church of Reading wish to express their deep sense of the great loss sustained by the First Unitarian Church of Woburn in the death of Rev. Henry C. Parker their beloved minister who for so many years has been a real leader and spiritual father of his congregation. Not his church alone but also the City of Woburn and the adjoining towns have suffered a great loss in the death of Rev. Mr. Parker, and his cheery presence and sterling character will long be missed by all."

Art. IV Article IV was then taken up and the chairman of the Finance Committee was asked if he had a report to make. He reported that up to date 61 persons had subscribed $1233.00 and 23 who last year subscribed $467.00 had not as yet subscribed this year.

The Treasurer reported receipts this year of $1101.55, payments $1553.88, deficit $452.33.

The chairman of the Finance Committee stated that the entire mortgage against the church property had been paid and discharged, and the mortgage on the

parsonage reduced to $1000. and that sum was the entire bonded debt of the Society, which is a good showing.

The Trustees were instructed to investigate the probable cost of using Unity Hall for Sunday services during the winter.

The Finance Committee was instructed to prepare and send circulars to those who have not subscribed and try to secure enough to pay expenses.

No further business appearing the meeting adjourned.

Attest

C. Winthrop Smith
Clerk.

Annual Meeting April 2, 1918
Warrant.

The members of The Christian Union of Reading, Massachusetts, are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting will be held in the Parlor of the Congregational Church, Reading, Mass. on Tuesday evening, April 2, 1918 at eight o'clock to consider and act on the following Articles: to wit:—

Article I
To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article II.
To admit new members to the Union.

Article III
To hear and act upon the reports of the Officers and Committees.

Article IV.
To choose by ballot a Clerk, Board of Five Trustees, and a Treasurer.

Article V
To choose a Collector, Historian, Music Committee, Auditor, Finance Committee, Nominating Committee and other Committees for the ensuing year.

Article VI.
To choose two lay delegates to the Annual Meeting of the American Unitarian Association to be held next May.

Article VII
To choose a Life Member to the American Unitarian Association.

Article VIII
To see what action shall be taken in regard to continuing union services.

Article IX
To see what action shall be taken to raise funds for the support of the Union for the

ensuing year.

Article X.

To see how much money shall be appropriated for the sustitence, music, and other necessary expenses for the ensuing year.

Article XI.

To see what instructions will be given to the Trustees and Officers.

Article XII.

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

By Order of the Trustees

Wilmot Smith,

Clerk.

Annual Meeting April 2, 1918

The Annual Meeting was held at the time and place appointed in the Warrant about 30 being present.

The meeting was called to order by the Clerk.

Art. I Acting under this Article, Mr. Henry T. Lane was nominated as Moderator.

Art. II Mr. Alcott W. Stockwell was nominated as a member of The Christian Union. The vote was taken Mr. Stockwell was elected unanimously and signed the Church Roll.

Upon motion Art. II was laid on the table.

Art. III Mr. Willson, chairman presented the report of the Trustees and upon motion it was accepted and placed on file.

The Treasurer reported receipts for the year $523.99 expenses $618.42. In addition there were special receipts the cash balance at the beginning of the year of $613.09, and payments leaving $8.56 cash balance at close of the year. Total net assets were reported as $32,008.56. The report was accepted & placed on file.

The Collector reported $2,084.44 collected and paid the Treasurer. Report accepted.

The reports of the Treasurer and Collector were reported correct by A. J. Gowing, Auditor.

The report of the Music Committee was made by Miss Addew showing $41.90 as the cost of the music for the year, and the report was accepted.

The report of the Finance Committee showed total subscriptions of $1790.00 the largest in any year but one, from 1903 to 1916 both inclusive and the report was accepted and filed.

There was no report from the Historian or the Cleaners.

The Unity Club report was presented by Mrs. Benj. M. Hartshorn, President, and showed that the Club had paid $50. to W. A. Bancroft, Treas. & had a balance remaining. Among the

receipts reported by the Club was $26.00 the profit of a dance given by the Junior Unity Club. The report was accepted and filed.

A vote of thanks was given Mrs. Hartshorn for her successful work as President of the Unity Club.

Mr. H. L. Davis, Supt. of the Sunday School made a verbal report showing the School was growing and prosperous with a cash balance of about $60.00 on hand. Rev. Mr. Hall expressed his appreciation of Mr. Davis' work as Superintendent.

Mr. Wm H. Willson, Chairman of the Nominating Committee reported the following nominations.

Trustees, Carl B. Sawyer, Ernest N. Dillaway, Richard F. Loring, Jesse W. Morton and Alcott W. Stockwell.

Clerk: Mrs. Helen Ruggles, Smith.

Treasurer: Wilfred A. Bancroft.

Collector: Mrs. Carl B. Sawyer.

Historian: Miss Olive A. Prescott.

Auditor: A. J. Gowing.

Finance Committee: Herbert G. Evans, Chas. A. Loring, W. P. Udden.

Music. Miss Emma Udden, Mrs. Albert W. Damon, Mrs. Benj. Hartshorn.

Nominating Committee. W. P. Udden, Walter G. Ruggles, Charles Reid. (Mr Reid declined to serve) Report accepted.

Junior Unity Club report was given verbally by Mrs. Hartshorn showing the Club had paid for the flower decoration of the Church and that Miss Annie Reid had attended to getting the flowers and placing them. A vote of thanks was given Miss Reid for this work.

Art. I. Upon motion the Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Mrs. Helen Ruggles Smith as Clerk for the ensuing year.

The Clerk cast the ballot and Mrs. Smith was declared elected Clerk for the ensuing year.

Upon motion it was voted that the Clerk cast one ballot for Carl B. Sawyer, Ernest N. Dillaway, Richard F. Loring, Jesse W. Morton and Alcott W. Stockwell for Trustees for the ensuing year. The vote was cast and these gentlemen were declared elected Trustees for the ensuing year. Upon motion the Clerk was instructed to cast one ballot for Wilfred A. Bancroft as Treasurer. The vote was cast and Wilfred A. Bancroft declared elected Treasurer.

Art. V. Upon motion the following were elected
Collector, Mrs. Carl B. Sawyer.
Historian - Miss Olive A. Prescott.
Auditor - Arthur J. Gowing
Finance Committee. Herbert G. Evans, Charles A. Loring, Willard P. Adden, the Treasurer and one member of the Trustees to be chosen by the Trustees
Music Committee, Miss Emma Adden Mrs. Albert W. Burton and Mrs. Benj. M. Hartshorn.
Nominating Committee. W. P. Adden and Walter G. Ruggles, Mr. Rud declining to serve.

Art. VI Acting under this Article the Trustees were given power to appoint two lay delegates to American Unitarian Association Annual meeting in May.

Art. VII Acting under this Article Lt. Otis B. Ruggles, now in France with the A. E. F. was nominated as Life Member of the American Unitarian Association and the Clerk was instructed to cable Lt. Ruggles notice of this action.

Art. VIII After remarks by Mr. Baker and others the matter resuming services in our own church was left to the Trustees, the sentiment of the meeting being that we should return to our church at the earliest practicable date.

Art. IX The subject matter of this Article was left to the Finance Committee with power.

Art. X The subject matter of this Article was left to the Trustees with power.

Art. XI Mr. Willson moved that the Trustees be authorized to appoint a Committee to consider the matter of repairing or remodelling the church building and organ, the Committee to report at a Special Meeting and the motion was adopted.

The Trustees and Treasurer were requested to consider all appeals for aid that may come from the American Unitarian Association and take such action in each case as they may deem wise.

Art. XII Voted that a Vote of Thanks be given Miss Jennie B. Parker for services at the Special Services last week without charge, the Clerk to notify her of this action.

Mr. Smith reported the receipt of letters from the Clerk of the Woburn Unitarian Church and from Mrs. Henry C. Parker and family acknowledging and thanking the Christian Union for action at the Special Meeting of Nov. 30, 1917 regarding the death of Rev. Henry C. Parker for many years pastor of the Woburn church.

Art. XIII A vote of thanks was extended C. W. Smith the retiring Clerk for his services, and Mr. Smith responded briefly, voicing his thanks for this action.

No further business appearing it was Voted to Adjourn.

A true record,

Attest

C. Winthrop Smith

Clerk.

The cancelled note given by the Christian Union for $1000. to the American Unitarian Association was exhibited by the Treasurer, together with the Discharge of the mortgage duly recorded.

Trustees' Report. 1917-1918.

Mr. Chairman and members of the Christian Union Society:-

Your board of Trustees present the following report and recommendations:

There have been many things that your Trustees have wished to do this past year that have been left undone through lack of surplus funds.

We have felt that not only should the church property be kept in repair, but that something should be done each year to bring it up to date so that it would be used more by its members for work-day meetings. We think that if Trinity Hall and the kitchen were remodelled so that they might be used at all times with comfort and convenience more of your young people would be induced to remain members of the Sunday School and to attend church. As this hold on the young people is the life of any church organization we feel that something definite should be done at once.

We have all enjoyed attending services this winter in a thoroughly up to date edifice and should be able to feel more clearly than ever what it means, especially to the young people. We, therefore, make the following recommendations:

That some definite action be taken on this problem of readjustment of the social rooms of your church. We believe it imperative that the kitchen and toilet be at once remodelled and, if possible, arrangements made for a pastor's room.

We suggest that a committee be appointed, including the new board of Trustees to look into the matter of readjusting the arrangement of the toilet and kitchen and make the following suggestion;-

That a part of the church auditorium be taken for the kitchen and pastor's room and toilet and that a cellar be dug under Trinity Hall so that it could be heated in cold weather.

Some necessary repairs to the parsonage were contemplated last fall but had to be put over until

Spring on account of the severe winter weather.
W. H. Willson, Chairman

Treasurers Report. April 2. 1918.

Expense and Income 1917-18.

Expense

Coal and wood.	98.00	
Sundry Expenses.	65.71	
Elec. Gas & water	39.27	
Insurance	162.40	
Interest	74.76	
Janitor	150.00	
Music	411.90	
Postage	7.91	
Pulpit	1400.04	
Repairs	57.43	
Taxes.	100.–	
A. U. Assoc.	51.–	
Expenses for the year.		2618.42

Receipts

Collector	1983.64	
Sunday Club	500.–	
A. U. Assoc. Collection	40.35	
Receipts for the year.		2523.99
Excess of Expenses.		94.43

Receipts

Cash. Apr. 1. 1917	153.24	
Donation Ellen Parker Estate	200.–	
Special collection for mortgage	200.–	
" " " Sundry accts	60.45	
		613.69

Treasurer's Report (Continued)

Payments

Church Mortgage	200.00
Red Cross.	16.00
YMCA.	8.00
Camp Devens	36.45
Old accounts	250.25
Shortage in 1917-18 Expenses.	94.43
Balance Cash in hand.	8.56
	613.69

Certified Correct
A. J. Downing
auditor

Assets

Church and vestry including fixtures at assessed value	$27.000.00
Parsonage – cost	5,000.
Cash	8.56
	$32.008.56

Liabilities

Mortgage on parsonage	$1.000.00
Bills payable (old)	285.00
Invested capital	30,723.56
	$32.008.56

Report of Music Committee 1917-18.

Paid Miss Parker and Miss Knowles for services 43 Sundays:	$340.–
Paid extra for soloists	55.–
Music	1.90
	396.90
Paid Miss Parker – Special Holy Week Services 1917.	15.–
	$411.90

This season Holy Week Miss Parker gave her services and there was no expense in music.

Respectfully submitted,–
Emma Adden
Chairman Music Committee

Unity Club Report. 1917-18.

Apr 2. 1917. Balance on hand.		$ 18.09
Receipts from Apr. 2, 1917 to Apr. 1. 1918.		552.31
		570.40
Expenditures		
Surgical Dressings Committee	10.—	
Visiting Nurse Assoc.	5.—	
Expenses.	49.30	
Wilfred Bancroft, Treas. of Church.	500.—	564.30
Apr. 1. 1918. Balance on hand		$ 6.10

Finance Committee's Report.

Reading. Apr. 1. 1918.

To the members of the Christian Union: -

Your Finance Committee submits the following report, which while short is fairly satisfactory.

During the past church year we have received 104 subscriptions, amounting to $1,790.00, which is a better result than we anticipated early in the year.

This is the largest amount subscribed in any year from 1903 to 1916 inclusive, with the single exception of the year 1912-13, when the amount was $1,809.50, or only 19.50 more than the year just closed. The average amount subscribed in the years 1903 to 1916 inclusive was $1,337.36 or $453.00 less than in the past year.

These facts should not cause us to be discouraged in view of the many calls upon our people for money for war work and speak well for the vitality of our church under discouraging conditions.

Respectfully submitted, -

G. Winthrop Smith } Finance
H. P. Baker } Committee

Special Meeting, May 6. 1918.
Warrant.

A special meeting of the Christian Union of Reading, Mass., will be held at the Unitarian Church on Monday, May 6. 1918 at 8 P.M. to act on the following Articles.

Article I.
To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article II.
To elect by ballot a trustee to fill vacancy on the board.

Article III.
To hear and act on report of special committee in regard to remodelling church property.

Article IV.
To see what action the society will take in relation to securing a site for a future church building.

Article V
To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

By order of the Trustees,
Harold Puggles Smith
Clerk.

Special Meeting. May 6. 1918.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant a Special Meeting of the members of the Christian Union was held this evening. There were present about forty members.

The meeting was called to order by the Clerk and the warrant read.

Art I. Mr. C. A. Loring was nominated moderator for the evening and upon motion made and seconded the Clerk was instructed to cast one vote for Mr. Loring. This being done Mr. Loring was declared moderator for the evening.

Art II Article II was laid upon the table and Article V taken up in its place. On motion duly made and seconded Mr. Wm S. Cooper was elected a member of the Society.

Article II was again taken up and on motion made and seconded Mr. Wm S. Cooper was nominated a Trustee for the ensuing year to fill the vacancy on the board.

Art III. The report of the Special Committee is as follows:

Report of Committee on Remodeling Church.

At the annual meeting the Trustees are authorized to appoint a committee to consider remodeling the Church building and organ. The Trustees appointed themselves as this committee and have the following report to make

It is understood that the plan advanced by the retiring Trustees for remodeling Unity Hall was to partition off twelve feet at the north end and divide this space into toilet rooms; these rooms to be so constructed as to permit a balcony to be built over them at such time as the seats thus afforded would be required.

The proposed remodeling of the Church auditorium follows out the same plan as that of Unity Hall. A partition to be built twelve feet from the rear, forming a new inside vestibule. The organ and choir to be moved from their present quarters and placed above the new vestibule. The seating capacity of the Church would be reduced under this plan to 260.

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The space now occupied by the organ to be made into a Pastor's study with access to the pulpit and also Unity Hall.

The approximate cost of carrying out these plans as outlined is $3,500.

Your committee feel that the present is not the proper time to consider such extensive alterations. Our country is engaged in a war more terrible than ever known to history and all our resources and every penny we can save will be required by our Government to win. We are asked to sacrifice in our daily living, to forego luxuries and to discontinue all non-essentials in order that our boys in the firing line, who are not only sacrificing everything of material value but their lives as well, should have the proper food and equipment they so justly deserve. If we are asked to make such sacrifices in our daily living would it not be better policy and show a more patriotic spirit to make the best of a little personal discomfort and continue to worship in this building as it is at present

The present toilet facilities we know are not of the best but believe that they can be improved upon at very little expense. We can find no foundation for the feeling that they are unsanitary and a public nuisance.

The roof of the kitchen has been covered with the best quality of roofing paper and is now tight. Also the leak in the roof of Unity Hall, the cause of which has been difficult to locate for some time past, was finally discovered to be due to split shingles and is now believed to be tight. The plastering, cracked as a result of this leak and which has caused some apprehension as to its safety, has been pronounced safe after a careful inspection.

The committee would like to see their way clear to recommend some of the proposed changes but under the circumstances feel that they could not consistently do so.

However, if the Society thinks it advisable at the

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present time to make the proposed changes and can see their way clear to raise the necessary funds, the Committee would be pleased to carry out such instructions as you cared to give.

Carl B. Sawyer
Jesse W. Morton
E M Delaway
A. W. Stockwell

Report of Committee on Rebuilding Organ.

In reference to the organ, Mr. John Brennan of this town, a rebuilder of church organs, was interviewed and asked if he cared to look the organ over and estimate the cost of rebuilding. He stated that he felt well acquainted with the condition as he had on several previous occasions looked the organ over and estimated the cost of rebuilding. Therefore did not consider it necessary to again investigate.

He strongly advised against attempting to repair the organ as it would be difficult to know where to start and when to stop. Such repairs could not be satisfactory and would give only temporary service at best.

In his judgment the organ could be rebuilt for $1,000, but considered the only satisfactory course was to buy a new one at a probable expense of $3,500.

The committee has no recommendation to make in reference to the organ but hopes a full discussion will be made by the members.

Carl B. Sawyer
Jesse W. Morton
E M Delaway
A. W. Stockwell.

After a lengthy discussion of the condition of the toilet and organ, the motion was made and seconded: That the Trustees be authorized to make whatever slight repairs may be necessary to put the toilet in a usable condition, to ascertain the expense of a new toilet and report at a later date.

The report on "Rebuilding the Organ" was laid upon the table

Art IV The question of a new location for the Church was carefully considered and some six or eight available lots were mentioned by Mr. C.W. Smith. Mr. A.N. Mansfield said that after a slight study of the situation the centre of location for the Church, considering the present members, would seem to be the corner of Woburn and Lumber Streets.

Mr. E.N. Dillaway then made the following motion, which was duly seconded:- "That a standing vote be taken as to how many would like to secure a site for a new church and how many would prefer to remain in the present location." Twenty-seven voted in favor of the new site, five to remain in the present location. Mr. Dillaway also stated that he was ready to give $100. towards the new lot.

On motion made by Mr. W.A. Bancroft and duly seconded it was voted:- "That a committee of three, consisting of Messrs. C.A. Loring, W.G. Wadlin and E.N. Hunt, be appointed to see what they can find for a location for a new Church, to ascertain cost of same and how it can be financed."

Art V On motion made by Mr. J.W. Morton and duly seconded, it was voted: "That the Minister's salary be increased by $100."

No further business coming before the meeting it was voted to adjourn.

A true record.

Attest:

Helen Quigley Lunt
Clerk.

Special Meeting - October 14. 1918.
Warrant.

The members of the Christian Union of Reading, Mass., are hereby notified that a Special Meeting will be held in the Unitarian Church on Monday, October 14. 1918, at 7-45 P.M. to act on the following articles:

Article I.

To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article II.

To hear and act on the report of the Special Committee appointed to investigate the matter of securing a site for a future church building.

Article III.

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

By order of the Trustees
Helen Ruggles Smith,
Clerk.

Special Meeting. October 14. 1918.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant a Special Meeting of the members of the Christian Union was held this Evening. There were present about seventeen members.

The meeting was called to order by the Clerk and the Warrant read.

Art I. Upon motion duly made and seconded, Mr. C. A. Loring was Elected Moderator for the Evening.

Art II The report of the Special Committee is given in full as follows:

At a Special Meeting of The Christian Union held May 6, 1918 the following vote was passed:

That a Committee of three, consisting of Messrs. C. A. Loring, H. G. Wadlin and E. N. Hunt, be appointed to see what they can find for a location for a new Church, to ascertain cost of same and how it can be financed.

Following the instructions in this vote your Committee procured the facts as to the size and price of every available lot on both sides of the Town and made an Examination of each lot.

After careful consideration they decided unanimously that the property owned by Mrs. Celia Graves at the northwesterly corner of Woburn Street and Summer Ave was the most desirable property attainable.

Dr. Samuel A Eliot, President of the American Unitarian Association, came to Reading and inspected our present church property and all the lots available, and gave his opinion that the Graves property was the most desirable for our purposes, and advised us to secure it.

The Graves property measures 161 feet on Woburn St., 185 feet on Summer Ave and contains 29,600 square feet of land with a house, without modern improvements, but in good condition.

This property is assessed for $5,050, and Mrs. Graves

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has arranged with your Committee to sell it for $4,800.—

In view of the fact that the lots available for our purpose are liable to be sold before we are able to build a new church, Mr. Eliot believes that we should procure a lot now and control it until such time as we decide to build and with this object in mind, he is willing, if we so desire, to recommend to the Directors of the American Unitarian Association that the Association purchase this property and hold it a reasonable time until we decide that we do or do not wish to build on it.

If the Association purchases and holds this property for us they will charge us no interest on the cost and we shall only be obligated to pay the taxes and insurance and it should not be difficult to rent the house for more than enough to pay these charges.

As the result of our investigation we would recommend that this Committee be authorized and directed to enter into a contract on behalf of The Christian Union with the American Unitarian Association for the purchase by the Association and carrying of the Graves property as stated above,

Respectfully submitted:
Chas. A. Lonig
W. G. Wadlin
Edgar N Hunt.

On motion made and seconded it was Voted:

That the report of the Committee on new lot for the Church be accepted, recorded and its recommendations adopted, and that C. A. Lonig, W. G. Wadlin and E. N. Hunt be and they hereby are appointed a committee with full power and authorized and directed to enter into a contract on behalf of The Christian Union with the American Unitarian Association for the purchase and holding of the Graves property at the northwesterly corner of Woburn Street and Summer Ave, Reading, substantially as recommended in their report.

On motion made and seconded the following

amendment was made to the foregoing vote:
That the word "substantially" be taken out of the proposed vote.

Art III In further business coming before the meeting it was voted to adjourn.
A true record.
Attest:

Fran Ruggles Smith
Clerk.

Special Meeting - December 23. 1918.

Warrant.

The members of the Christian Union of Reading, Mass. are hereby notified that a Special Meeting will be held in the Unitarian Church on Monday, December 23. 1918. at 8 P.M. to act on the following articles:

Article I.

To choose a Moderator for said meeting.

Article II.

To admit new members to the Society.

Article III

To consider and act upon the proposition of the American Unitarian Association for the purchase and holding of the lot of land at the corner of Woburn Street and Summer Avenue, Reading. as a site for a new church for this Society as embodied in an agreement dated November 26. 1918. considered and approved by a committee of this Society. Messrs. Loring. Hunt and Wadlin, and executed on behalf of the American Unitarian Association by its Treasurer. Henry M. Williams, and Samuel B. Robbs, a Field Secretary.

Article IV

To see what other instructions will be given the Committee on new church lot.

Article V

To see what instructions will be given the Trustees, officers, etc.

Article VI.

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

By order of the Trustees
Helen Ruggles Smith.
Clerk.

Special Meeting - December 23. 1918.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant a Special Meeting of the members of the Christian Union was held this evening. About sixteen members were present.

The meeting was called to order by the Clerk and the warrant read.

Art I. Upon motion duly made and seconded Mr. C.A. Loring was elected Moderator for the evening.

Art II No members admitted.

Art III Upon motion duly made and seconded it was.

Voted: To approve and adopt the following agreement between the American Unitarian Association and The Christian Union of Reading Mass., dated Nov. 26. 1918, and that Messrs. Loring. Hunt and Wadlin be and hereby are authorized as a committee to execute the same in behalf of The Christian Union and to do any and all other acts necessary to carry out the purposes of said agreement.

Nov. 26. 1918.

Agreement between the American Unitarian Association and the Christian Union Society of Reading that the American Unitarian Association will purchase for $4,800.— to be taken from the Leighton Fund, the lot at the corner of Woburn Street and Summer Avenue, in the town of Reading, Mass., to be held for the proposed new church of said Society in Reading with the understanding that the Society will take the following action;

I. Change the corporate name of the Society to First Unitarian Church.

II. Reorganize the administration of the Society upon a business basis approved by the Committee representing the Association.

III Care for taxes, insurance and all miscellaneous

Expenses on the new property.

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IV Sell the present property whenever a reasonable price can be obtained and apply the proceeds to the new building.

V Undertake to raise in the Society before one year after the sale of the present property a sum of not less than $10,000 above the proceeds of the present property for the new building.

And if at the End of three years from this date the present property has not been sold, then the whole matter is to be referred to the Reading Society as to its wishes; they to have the privilege to purchase the new lot for church purposes at $4,800.- if the American Unitarian Association does not wish to Extend the time. If the Reading Society does not wish to purchase, the American Unitarian Association to be free to sell the new lot free from this agreement.

VI Select the architect and design for the new building in co-operation with the Committee of the American Unitarian Association.

VII If and when the new Church has been built, execute a permanent agreement for its use and care in the following form marked A.

American Unitarian Association.
By Henry M. Williams
Samuel B Robbs.
Committee.

"A"

Agreement.

Made in duplicate the _____ day of _____ between The American Unitarian Association, party of the first part and _____ party of the second part.

Witnesseth that whereas the party of the first party is a body corporate entitled to hold land, and whereas the party of the second part was on the _____ incorporated as the _____

And whereas to Enable the party of the second part

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to erect a church building on the following lands, the party of the first part has agreed to purchase and has purchased the land for the price of.

Now Therefore This Agreement witnesseth that in consideration of the premises and of the mutual covenants herein contained the parties hereto mutually covenant and agree as follows:

1. The party of the second part shall use and occupy the premises for the public worship of a Unitarian Church society and for the general fellowship work and activities connected with such a society and shall pay and shall indemnify the party of the first part against the payment of all taxes, rates and assessments which may hereafter be levied against the said land hereinbefore described, and also premiums or other payments of insurance of the building to be erected upon the said land, and the party of the second part shall also insure and keep insured the said building to be erected thereon in the amount of the full insurable value thereof, and pay all expenses of repairs which may become necessary in and about the said building.

The plans and specifications of the proposed new building shall be approved by the Committee of the Directors of the Association before any contracts are let.

2. Upon the condition of the party of the second part observing and keeping all the covenants mentioned in paragraph 1. hereof, the party of the first part hereby grants to the party of the second part the use and occupation of the premises and the sole and exclusive option to purchase the said land free from encumbrances at any time hereafter upon payment of the said sum of _____ and all expenses of the transfer of the title thereof.

3. Provided that if said use and occupation for public worship and fellowship work as aforesaid

Art III (Continued) shall be discontinued, or if said party of the second part shall default for a year the other obligations of paragraph 1, then the option herein provided shall cease and the party of the first part may at any time thereafter, without further notice to anybody, sell the real estate free and clear of all trusts, obligations to rights of the party of the second part and devote the proceeds thereof to the uses of the American Unitarian Association.

In Witness Whereof the parties hereto have caused their corporate seals to be hereto affixed and these presents to be signed by their proper officials in their behalf the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered)

in the presence of)

Ten members voted in favor of the foregoing.

Art IV There was no business under this Article.

Art V There was no business under this Article.

Art VI W. A. Bancroft, Treasurer, announced that since the last meeting he had received for the Society the sum of $429.08 from the Estate of Ellen Parker and $100. from the Sewing Circle.

On motion made by Miss Mary Bancroft ~~it was~~ and duly seconded, it was

Voted: That the mortgage on the parsonage be reduced from $1,100. to $500. using funds received from the Estate of Ellen Parker and the Sewing Circle for this purpose.

No further business coming before the meeting it was voted to adjourn.

A true record.

Attest:

Helen Pruyler Smith
Clerk

Annual Meeting - April 1. 1919.

Warrant.

The members of the Christian Union of Reading, Mass, are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting will be held in the Unitarian Church, Reading, Mass, on Tuesday, April 1. 1919. at 7-45 P.M. to consider and act on the following Articles.

Article I.

To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article II.

To admit new members to the Union.

Article III

To hear and act upon the reports of Officers and committees

Article IV

To choose by ballot a Clerk, Board of five Trustees and a Treasurer.

Article V

To choose a Collector, Historian, Music Committee, Auditor, Finance Committee, Nominating Committee and other committees for the ensuing year.

Article VI

To choose two lay delegates to the Annual Meeting of the American Unitarian Association to be held in May.

Article VII

To choose a life member to the American Unitarian Association

Article VIII

To see what action shall be taken to raise funds for the support of the Union for the ensuing year.

Article IX

To see how much money shall be Expended for pulpit service, music and other necessary expenses for the ensuing year.

Article X

To see what instructions shall be given to the Trustees and Officers.

Article XI

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

By Order of the Trustees,
Allen E. Ruggles,
Clerk.

Annual Meeting - April 1. 1919.

Pursuant to the foregoing notice, the Annual Meeting of the members of the Christian Union of Reading, Mass. was held this evening. About thirty members were present.

Art I Moderator — Upon motion duly made and seconded Mr. A. N. Mansfield was elected Moderator for the evening.

Art II New members. — The following persons were unanimously elected members of the Christian Union:

Mr. Isaac Kelley	Mr. Ernest N. Dillaway
Mrs. Isaac Kelley	Mrs. Mabel L. Dillaway
Miss Elizabeth Kelley	Mrs. Frankie Park
Mrs. Blanche R. Thomas	Miss Marion Park
Mrs. Herbert T. Evans	Robert Hunt
Mrs. Herbert T. Evans	E. Norman Hunt

Art. III — Mr. A. W. Stockwell read the report of the Trustees and upon motion it was accepted and placed on file.

Reports of Officers and Committees — The Treasurer reported receipts for the year of $2987.26, Expenses $2946.49; Special receipts and payments of $20.32 and $569.86; total net assets of $32,008.56. This report was accepted and placed on file.

The Collector reported $2,476.27 received and paid to the Treasurer. Report accepted and placed on file.

No Auditor was elected to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. A. J. Gowing's death.

Miss Emma Adden, Chairman of the Music Committee submitted a report showing $388. Expended for music during the year. Report accepted and placed on file.

Mr. H. G. Evans for the Finance Committee reported that his committee considered that it had been a

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very successful year. The records show 105 contributing members, 28 absolutely new and only 4 lost. They recommend that the method of personally canvassing each member be used for the coming year.

Mrs. Fannie A. Bancroft presented the Laity Club's Report which showed total receipts for the year of $572.27. In addition to the $500. to the church we are donating to the District Nurse Assoc., Old Ladies Home and Surgical Dressings. This report was accepted and placed on file.

Art IV Election Officers

Mr. W. P. Adden reported the following nominations for officers:

Clerk: Miss Helen E. Ruggles
Trustees: Alcott W. Stockwell, W. S. Cooper, Capt. C. W. C. Rhoades, E. L. Hutchinson, Isaac S. Kelley.
Treasurer: Wilfred A. Bancroft.

The Clerk was instructed to cast one vote for the above named officers and upon motion duly made and seconded they were declared elected for the ensuing year.

Art V Election Officers

Mr. W. P. Adden reported the following nominations for officers:

Collector: Mrs. Benj. M. Hartshorn
Historian: Miss Olive A. Russell
Auditor: William H. Willson
Finance Com: Herbert H. Evans, Charles A. Loring, W. P. Adden
Music Com: Miss Emma Adden, Mrs. Benj. M. Hartshorn
Nominating Com. Arthur F. Mansfield, Percy M. Lewrtser, Wm. S. Dunison.

Art VI

The Clerk was instructed to cast one vote for the above named officers and upon motion duly made and seconded they were declared elected for the ensuing year.

Art VI
Lay delegates to A.U.A. 2.M. in May

On motion made and seconded Mr. Ham and Mrs. Oldfield were chosen lay delegates to attend the annual meeting of the American Unitarian Association to be held in May.

Art VII
Life Member AUA.

On motion made and seconded Mr. Wilfred A. Bancroft was nominated as Life Member to the American Unitarian Association.

Art VIII
Raising funds for ensuing yr.

On motion made and seconded it was voted that the matter of raising funds for the support of the Union for the ensuing year be left to the joint action of the Trustees and the Finance Committee.

Art. IX
Expenses for ensuing year

On motion made and seconded it was voted that the amount of money to be expended for pulpit service, music and other necessary expenses for the ensuing year be left to the Trustees.

Art X
Alliance

On motion made by Mr. Hutchinson and seconded it was voted that Mr. Ham, or somebody else in close touch with the American Unitarian Association, arrange to have a speaker come out and explain the Alliance to the members of the Parish.

Art XI
Revision of Const. & By-Laws

On motion made and seconded, Messrs. G. W. Stockwell, C. W. Smith and Rev. M. T. Ham were appointed a committee to consider revising the Constitution and By Laws of the Christian Union.

Audit Books 1918-19.

On motion made and seconded it was voted that the Auditor be instructed to audit the Treasurer's and Collector's books for the year 1918-1919 and report to the Trustees.

Memorial to deceased members last year.

On motion made and seconded it was voted that the Trustees be instructed to prepare a suitable memorial to those members who have deceased during the past year and spread the same upon the records

The motion was made by Mr. W. G. Bancroft and duly

Sunday School.

seconded that the Trustees look into the organization of the Sunday School and see what the conditions are, as the control of the Sunday School should be under the direction of the Trustees of the Church.

No further business coming before the meeting it was voted to adjourn.

A true record.
Attest:

Helen E Ruggles, Clerk.

Board of Trustees - Annual Report.

April 1. 1919

To the Members of the Christian Union:-

When the Trustees took office a year ago they found the resources of the church somewhat diminished and its customary activities reduced both in volume and speed. The Christian Union as well as other churches had felt the effects of the Great War. The resulting conditions continued and the turning point was not reached until after the signing of the armistice. Since that time we have advanced modestly along certain lines. We have felt, however, that it is only fair to leave a few items for the attention of our successors. We wished to avoid even the appearance of monopolizing the local field of Christian Endeavor.

We have given some attention to the business side of the church. The business reputation of our Unitarian societies is not high. The President of the American Unitarian Association recently has referred to what he calls the incompetencies of Unitarian church life. He asserts that we have failed in a shameful degree in the organization and administration of our individual churches. We are almost totally lacking, he says, in any sense of discipline. The Christian Union, we doubtedly, is doing

quite as well as the average. But it is not difficult to discover possibilities for improvement.

The Experience of the Unitarian churches seems to show that the best results are secured when the members of the parish are grouped in four working organizations, namely, a Men's Club, a Women's Alliance, a Young People's Society and the Sunday-school or Church school. We suggest that the women of this church consider the advisability of uniting in one organization to be known as the Women's Alliance and to affiliate with the National Council of Women's Alliances; and we recommend that the young people of the church be organized as a branch of the Young People's Society of the Unitarian Church in America. The organization of the four societies should be followed by a campaign to recruit the membership of each by enlisting in the appropriate society every person in the parish.

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The campaign for recruits would apply particularly to the church school or Sunday-school which is deserving of much better support than it has had in recent times. In this connection it is recommended that the Men's Club and the Unity Club each appoint a committee on church school to co-operate with the superintendent and other officers in the up-building of this vitally important part of our work. It has also been suggested that the superintendent's position be of sufficient importance to merit remuneration.

We are fully convinced that the efficient administration of church affairs will be promoted by improved machinery in the way of a revised constitution and by-laws. To that end we recommend the appointment of a committee to frame a constitution and by-laws more in harmony with the needs of a modern church, the committee to report at a later meeting before the summer vacation.

Another need from a business standpoint has been a church calendar. The generous offer of one of the men of the church, to furnish paper and printing free of charge, has enabled us with the assistance

assistance, or to speak more accurately, has enabled the Ministers with our assistance, to begin the publication of a monthly calendar for which a special mailing list has been prepared. It is believed the scope and influence of the calendar may be extended during the coming year. In this connection it may be of interest to note that one gentleman to whom was mailed a copy of the March issue of the calendar, responded to the courtesy with a contribution of ten dollars.

Trustees' Annual Report.

Apr. 1. 1919.

The financial situation of the church this year appears, on the whole, to be better than usual. The every-member canvass last spring was more thorough and yielded larger results than heretofore. Nevertheless, it seems to have been necessary, as usual, to depend upon the efforts of the women of the church for substantial aid in making both ends meet. When a society has reached the age of the Christian Union women, it should be able to raise substantially the entire amount of its budget by individual pledges secured through an every-member canvass. In view of the successful results of last year's drive the Board strongly recommends that the Finance Committee again undertake an every-member canvass for contributions or pledges during the coming spring. A corrected and up-to-date list of all possible names has been completed for the use of the new committee.

We have had complaints of our janitor service. We use complaint in the plural because there has been more than one. It should be remembered, however, that we are able to pay the janitor but $12.50 per month for his services. We wonder how many persons in the parish would be willing at that rate to feed coal into the four large furnaces which heat this church. We think the janitor would earn his salary if he did nothing else than shovel coal. As a matter of fact he has done several other things. And while we do not feel under great obligations to him we believe that he has earned his salary.

We do wish, however, to express our appreciation of the efforts of the officers and committees that have co-operated with us in conducting the affairs of the church. They have performed these duties in a soldierly manner.

It may be of interest to know that repairs completed during the year on the parsonage represented an outlay of $175. Repairs also have been made on Unity Hall. In general, however, as you are doubtless aware, our activities are strictly, not to say painfully, limited by our income, or lack of income. We should like to see the work in the local field extended. There has been a call for example, for Sunday Evening services. With a little investment for music and other accessories it is believed that such services might reach an unknown number of non-churchgoers who belong in the Unitarian fold. We have failed this year to contribute anything to the larger movements of our denomination which are undertaken in co-operation with other churches through the American Unitarian Association.

Trustees Annual Report

Apr 1. 1919.

Perhaps the most important single event of the year just ended was the decision of this Society to have a new church in a new site. We have a number of years in which to bring that vote to fruition. In the meantime let us consider whether our record of achievement in this old church has yet earned us the right to a more glorious mansion upon the earth. Have we reasonably improved our opportunities? Have we fairly performed our duties as a Liberal church in this community? Have we developed a school that may serve as a constant feeder of the church? We refer, of course, to the laymen. To the laymen men and women, are not simply members of the church; they are the church.

Some of us are inclined to look with pity upon the humble Roman Catholic who goes to church Sunday after Sunday regardless of such handicaps as weather, golf or automobile. But are we not rather, the ones to be pitied victims of our own easy going habits with relation to the church, our superficial

Trustees Report, Apr 1. 1919.

spiritual experience with relation to religion, and our general lack of loyalty to the organization. Could we Liberals but acquire the sense of reverence and the spirit of loyalty that characterize the Roman Catholic, and add those my high attainments to our superior resources of culture and civilization, we might well exclaim with Monte Cristo in the play, The World is Mine.

Respectfully submitted,

Treasurer's Report.

Expense and Income. 1918-19.

Collection - Subscriptions			2.116.50
" Sunday Col.			339.45
Donations Unity Club			500.-
" Junior " "			18.21
" Gleaners			8.60
" Sundry			4.50
Treasurer's Report. 1918-19 — Am. Unitarian Assoc.	51.-		
Coal & Wood	260.05		
Cleaning Church	20.-		
Insurance	160.30		
Interest	77.07		
Janitor	150.-		
Light Gas & Water	47.48		
Music	388.-		
Postage, etc	13.55		
Pulpit	1.500.-		
Repairs	178.54		
Taxes.	100.50		
Income for year.			2987.2
Expenses. " "	2,946.49		
Bal. Increase Capital Acct.	40.77		
	2987.26		2987.2

Special Income Payments.

Nov. 25.	Spec. Thanksgiving Collection		20.32
" "	Paid Mrs. Harnden	20.32	
		20.32	20.32

Capital Account.

Treasurer's Report. 1918-19

	Receipts		
	Estate of Ellen Parker	429.09	
	" " " and the Sewing Circle	100.00	
	Income 1918-19	40.77	569.86
	Payments		
	Mortgage on Parsonage	500.-	
	Bills Payable 1914-15	29.09	
	" " "	40.77	569.86

Assets & Liabilities
April 1. 1919.

Assets.		
Cash	8.56	
Church and Guild Hall	21,500.00	
" " Equipment	5,500.00	
Parsonage	5,000.00	32,008.56
Liabilities		
Mortgage on Parsonage	500.00	
Bills Payable 1914-15	215.14	
Capital a/c	31,293.42	32,008.56

W. A. Bancroft.
Treasurer.

Collectors Report - 1918-19.

Collectors Report. 1918-19

Collected from Subscriptions	2,028.40
" past year 1917-18	88.10
Sunday Collections	339.45
Special "	20.32
	2,476.27
Paid W. A. Bancroft. Treasurer.	2,476.27

H. V. Sawyer, Collector.

Unity Club. 1918-19

On hand. Apr 1. 1918. 6.10

Receipts

Supper with Friendly Guild.		47.70
October Whist.	- Mrs Smalley	21.40
November Musical	- Miss Adden	40.-
" Sale and X mas cards	- Mrs. Oldfield	193.97
Dec. Whist	- Mrs. Gofer.	17.70
Jan. Dance	- Mrs. Hartshorn	39.65
" Whist	- Mrs. Bancroft	26.10
Feb. Parish Party		42.13
Mch. Dollar Meeting		49.-
" Whist	- Mrs. Mansfield	30.65
Conservation	- Mrs Lawyer	25.-
Eradicator		5.50
Rent from tables.		.75
War Saving Stamp		4.26
Box		22.96
Sundries		5.50 572.21
		578.37

Unity Club Report 1918-19

Expenditures

District Nurse	10.00	
Old Ladies Home	5.00	
Surgical Dressings	10.00	
Courtesies	33.25	
Christmas Party	10.65	
War Saving Stamp	4.17	
Unitarian Church.	500.-	573.07
On hand - April 1. 1919.		*5.30

Fanny J. Bancroft.
Treasurer.

Music Committee Report 1918-19

The Music Committee presents the following Report for 1918-
Paid Miss Parker and Miss Knowles
for services (43 Sundays) 348.-
Paid Extra for soloists 40.-
* 388.-

Respectfully submitted.-
Emma Eddey
Helen B. Hartshorn

Special Meeting - October 21. 1919.
Warrant.

The members of The Christian Union of Reading, Mass., are hereby notified that a Special Meeting will be held in the Unitarian Church on Tuesday, October 21. 1919 at 7-45 P. M to act on the following articles:

Article I.
To choose a Moderator for said meeting.

Article II.
To hear and act on the report of the Special Committee appointed to revise the Constitution and By Laws of the Society.

Article III.
To consider a change in the name of the Society.

Article IV.
To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

By Order of the Trustees,
Helen E. Ruggles.
Clerk.

Special Meeting - October 21. 1919.

Pursuant to the foregoing notice a Special Meeting of the members of The Christian Union was held this evening. About forty members were present.

Art I Moderator — Upon motion duly made and seconded Mrs Charles A. Young was elected Moderator.

Art II Report on Revision of Constitution and By-Laws. — On motion made by Mr. Hann and duly seconded it was, - Voted that Art. II be laid upon the table and Art IV taken up in its place in order that any persons present who wished to join the Society might do so at this time.

None appearing, however, Art IV was laid upon the

table and Art II again taken up.

Mr. A. W. Sloetwell, Chairman of the Special Committee, then read the revised Constitution and By-Laws as proposed by this Committee.

On motion made by Mr. C.W. Smith and duly seconded, it was;- Voted that the report of the Committee on change of name and new Constitution and By-Laws be received and that the report be considered and acted on by separate sections.

Art II. Report on Revision of Constitution and By-Laws. (continued)

Constitution.

Art I. The name of this church shall be "The Unitarian Church of Reading, Massachusetts."

On motion made by Mr. C.W. Smith and duly seconded; it was unanimously Voted that the name of The Christian Union of Reading, Massachusetts, be changed, to the "Unitarian Church of Reading, Massachusetts, and that Mr. Jesse W. Morton be asked to procure from the Commissioner of Corporations the necessary papers and have them signed, executed and filed with the Commissioner as the law directs and that Wilfred A Bancroft, the Treasurer, be instructed to pay the cost thereof.

Name

Art II. The purpose of this church is set forth in the following covenant:- "In the love of truth and the spirit of Jesus Christ we unite, for the worship of God and the service of man.

On motion duly made and seconded it was voted that Art II as above be accepted and adopted.

Purpose

Art III. Any person in sympathy with the purposes and methods of this church may become a member of it by signing, in the record book of the Society, the Covenant stated in Article II and being approved by a majority vote of the members present at any meeting; but only those who have attained the age of twenty-one years shall have the right to vote at business meetings.

Membership

On motion duly made and seconded it was

voted that Art III as above be accepted and adopted.

Art II
Report on Revision of Constitution and By-Laws (continued)

Art IV. The Officers of this Church shall be a Clerk, a Treasurer and a Board of five Trustees to consist of the Clerk and Treasurer Ex-officio and three additional members.

Officers

All the foregoing officers shall be elected at each Annual Meeting to serve for one year or until their successors are elected and qualified.

The Board of Trustees shall choose from its own number a Chairman; and it shall also choose a Collector, who may or may not be a member of the Board of Trustees, and who shall serve for one year or until the next Annual Meeting. They shall also elect an Auditor to audit the books of the Church.

After much discussion, on motion duly made and seconded it was voted that Art IV as above be accepted and adopted.

Art. V. The Annual Meeting of the church shall be held on the second Tuesday in April for the Election of officers and transaction of all other proper business.

Meetings

Other regular meetings shall be held on the second Tuesday in October and January Each year. Special meetings may be called at the order of the Trustees for such purposes only as may be specified in the call of the meeting.

Quorum

At any meeting fifteen members shall constitute a quorum.

Written or printed notice of all meetings shall be given to each member by mail seven days before the date of the meeting.

On motion duly made and seconded it was voted that Art V as above be accepted and adopted.

Amendments.

Art VI. Amendments or additions to this Constitution or to the By-Laws of the church may be made at any legal meeting of the church, provided the proposed amendment or addition shall have been fully set forth in the call for the meeting; a two-thirds vote of the members present being necessary to the adoption of

Art II Report on Revision of Constitution and By-Laws (Continued)

such amendment or addition.

On motion duly made and seconded it was voted that Art VI be accepted and adopted.

Under this same Article (Art II), the report of the revision of the By-Laws was next taken up.

By-Laws.

Chairman of Meetings

1. All meetings shall be called to order by the Clerk of the Church; and a chairman elected for that meeting.

Report on Revision of By-Laws.

On motion duly made and seconded it was voted that Par. 1. be accepted and adopted.

Duties of Clerk

2. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep record of all meetings of the church, to keep a correct roll of its members, to hold custody of all papers and documents belonging to the Church, to send all notices of meetings, and to perform such other duties as may naturally devolve upon this office.

On motion duly made and seconded it was voted that Par. 2. be accepted and adopted.

Duties of Treasurer

3. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to hold in custody all funds and securities of the church, to keep an account of all receipts and expenditures, to pay such bills as may be approved by the Board of Trustees, to invest any funds held in trust for the Church in manner approved by the Board of Trustees; to render at the annual meeting and at such other meetings as may be required a statement of the finances of the Church; and to execute in the name and on behalf of the church all deeds, mortgages or other legal papers.

On motion duly made and seconded it was voted that Par. 3. be accepted and adopted.

Care of Church Bldg. etc.

4. The Board of Trustees shall have the care of the church building, parsonage and church property; and general charge of the conduct of all business affairs of the church subject to such

Art II
Report on Revision of By-Laws (Continued)

special instructions as may be given at any meeting of the church.

On motion duly made and seconded it was voted that Par. 4. be accepted and adopted.

Duties of Collector.

5. It shall be the duty of the Collector to take charge of all sums of money subscribed by the supporters of the church and all regular or special collections or offerings at any church service, and to pay the same to the Treasurer once a month or more often as the case may be.

On motion duly made and seconded it was voted that Par. 5 be accepted and adopted.

Ministers. etc.

6. The ministers of this church shall be chosen and his salary determined by vote of the church at a regularly called meeting, and a vote of the church shall be necessary for his dismissal.

On motion duly made and seconded it was voted that Par. 6. be accepted and adopted.

Regular Church Committees

7. The regular Committees of the church shall be finance, music, nominating, hospitality and community service, church school and church decoration. These Committees shall be chosen at the annual meeting each year. Special committees and officers may be appointed at any time by the Board of Trustees.

On motion duly made and seconded it was voted that Par. 7. be accepted and adopted.

Committee of Conference

8. The ministers of the Church, the chairman of the Board of Trustees, the treasurer, the superintendent of the Sunday-school (Church school), the presidents and secretaries of all Church societies, shall constitute a Committee of Conference which shall meet at such times as itself may fix to consider the general welfare of the church and to make such recommendations to the Board of Trustees as shall seem conducive to the common good.

6/21/2[illegible] amended clerk of Corp.

On motion duly made and seconded it was voted that Par. 8. be accepted and adopted.

Art II (Continued)

On motion made by Mr. A. W. Smith and duly seconded it was voted that the change in the name of the Church take Effect upon the issuance of the Certificate by the Commissioner of Corporations and that all other motions under Art II take Effect at our next annual meeting.

Art III

Change of name covered by vote passed under Art I of the Revised Constitution.

Art IV

Geo. W. S. Ide elected Trustee in place of E. L. Hutchinson resigned.

Owing to the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Edwin L. Hutchinson from the Board of Trustees on motion duly made and seconded it was voted that Mr. George W. S. Ide be elected to fill the vacancy on the Board of Trustees.

Art IV

Mr. Harry L. Dunn, Supt. of the Sunday School, spoke on the great need of keeping the S. S. a live organization and suggested securing a paid Superintendent who would give more time to the work.

On motion duly made and seconded it was voted that Mr. Charles A. Loring be appointed a committee of one to interview the officers of the Dickerman School in regard to a Parish Assistant.

On motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously voted that a rising vote of congratulations be extended to Mrs. Ham on her recovery in health.

No further business coming before the meeting it was voted to adjourn.

A true record
Attest:

Helen E. Ruggles
Clerk

Special Meeting - January 20. 1920.
Warrant.

The members of the Christian Union of Reading, Mass., are hereby notified that a Special Meeting will be held in the Unitarian Church on Tuesday, January 20. 1920, at 7-45 P.M. to act on the following articles:

Article I.
To choose a Moderator for said meeting

Article II.
To consider an agreement with Dr. Herbert B. Howard in reference to right of way along southerly side of the church property and to see what action will be taken thereon.

Article III.
To Elect a Trustee in place of William S. Cooper resigned.

Article IV.
To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

By Order of the Trustees
Helen E. Ruggles.
Clerk.

Special Meeting - January 20. 1920.

Pursuant to the foregoing notice a Special Meeting of the members of The Christian Union was held this Evening. Ten members were present.

Art I. Moderator — Upon motion duly made and seconded: Mr Jesse W. Mudge was elected Moderator.

Art II. At this point in the meeting the church being so frightfully cold Mr. Lee asked us to adjourn to his Song Shop.

Art II. (Cont'd)
Agreement with Dr. H.B. Howard re. right-of-way along southerly side

The agreement between the Christian Union Society and Herbert B. Howard was then read by Mr. B. W. Smith;- description of boundaries as follows:

Said right of way shall be on a strip of land bounded as follows: beginning at an iron pipe in the ground on the line of said Main Street at the southwesterly corner of the land of said Christian Union Society, thence running Northerly along Main Street Eight and sixty-Eight hundredths (8.68) feet; thence Easterly on a line parallel with the North line of said Howard's land one hundred nine (109) feet, thence Southerly on a line parallel with the East line of Main Street Eight and sixty-Eight hundredths (8.68) feet to land of said Howard thence Westerly along said Howard line one hundred nine (109) feet to the point of beginning x x x x and said Howard hereby agrees to pay one half part of the cost of a division fence consisting of posts set in the ground and a single rail thereon, along the dividing line between the Estates of the parties hereto, beginning at a point on said line one hundred nine (109) feet Easterly from Main Street and running thence Easterly about fifty-five (55) feet to a corner, thence turning at an angle of 88°04' and running Northerly 47.15 feet to the Northwest corner of the land of said Howard.

On motion made by Mr. Isaac Kelley and duly seconded it was Voted:-

Whereas on the 18th day of December A.D. 1919. Dr. Herbert B. Howard executed on his part an agreement with the Christian Union Society as to the right of way on the Southerly side of the Church property on Main Street in Reading Mass., which agreement has been read at this meeting and whereas said Christian Union Society has changed its name to the Unitarian Church of Reading, Mass., said Unitarian Church of Reading, Mass., assents to said agreement and hereby authorizes and directs its Treasurer to sign and execute the same and to place it on record in the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds.

Art III Trustee in place of W.S. Cooper resigned.

On motion duly made and seconded Mr. Herbert G. Evans was elected a Trustee in place of Mr. William S. Cooper resigned.

Art IV Change in name of Church.

On motion duly made and seconded it was voted that the Trustees be instructed to change the name on the sign on the front of the Church building from "The Christian Union" to Congregational Church of Reading Mass.

After a short discussion, the following motion was made and seconded:

Voted that a Committee of three be appointed to see if they can negotiate the sale of the Church property at a satisfactory price: as soon as they have something definite to report to do so, to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and ask him to call a meeting forthwith; and that the above Committee be instructed to prepare and insert an advertisement in at least two Boston newspapers for the sale of the property, same to be signed by the individual members of this Committee

Committee Church property.

The Moderator then appointed on that Committee the following: Ernest N. Delaway, George W. S. Ide and Arthur N. Mansfield.

No further business coming before the meeting it was voted to adjourn.

A true copy
Attest:

Helen E Ruggles
Clerk.

Special Meeting - March 2. 1920.
Warrant.

The members of the Unitarian Church of Reading, Mass., are hereby notified that a Special Meeting will be held in the Unitarian Church on Tuesday, March 2. 1920. at 7-45 P.M. to act on the following Articles.

Article I.

To choose a Moderator for said meeting.

Article II.

To hear the report of the Special Committee and to consider and act upon an offer for the purchase of the Church property.

Article III.

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

By order of the Trustees,
Helen E Ruggles
Clerk.

Special Meeting - March 2. 1920.

Pursuant to the foregoing notice a Special Meeting of the members of the Unitarian Church of Reading, Mass, was held this Evening. There were thirty-four members present.

Art I Moderator — Upon motion made and seconded, Mr. Jesse W Morton was Elected Moderator.

Art II Report of Special Committee. — Mr. G. W. S. Lee, Chairman of the Special Committee, read the following offer from Messrs. Rogers and Ginsburg, 85 Devonshire St. Boston:-

Feb. 16. 1920.

Trustees of the Unitarian Church of Reading,
c/o Mr. Edwin T. Hutchinson, Reading, Mass.

Gentlemen: If we can obtain the permission of the

proper authorities for the re-building of the Church property in Reading Square into a motion picture house, including the license by the state and town authorities, my clients are willing to consider an arrangement whereby they will pay $14.000. net for the said property.

Art II. Report of Special Com. (Cont'd)

As they have other properties to consider, an early reply is urged.

Very truly yours,
Rogers & Gusburg.
Attorneys.

85 Devonshire St. Boston

Mr. Hutchinson told of his efforts to raise the price one or two thousand without success.

Mr. W. Bancroft thought another attempt should be made to interest people at a higher price, spending $500. if necessary for advertising.

After a great many more remarks the following vote was passed.

Moved and seconded that the Special Committee appointed to report at this meeting be discharged.

Article II was laid upon the table and Article III taken up.

Art III In view of the possibility of the church being sold in the near future it was moved and seconded:

That the Trustees make inquiries as to what arrangements, if any, can be made toward securing the room underneath the Library for church services, or any other place, in case the church property is sold.

Art III was laid upon the table and Art II again taken up

Art II. (Cont'd) Upon motion made and seconded it was

Voted: That the Treasurer be, and he hereby is authorized and directed to execute, in the name and on behalf of the corporation, a quit-claim deed conveying the real estate situated in Reading Square

Art II (Cntd) Reading, Mass., upon which the church edifice stands, reserving and excepting from said deed or instrument of transfer the following property now in said edifice, to wit: the organ, choirs, lighting fixtures, memorial windows, pews, pulpit and all personal property; and to deliver said deed to the grantee to be named therein, upon the receipt by him of a certified check or cash to the amount of $14.000, or such additional amount as shall be paid for such conveyance.

(18 voted in favor of the above price of $14.000, 11 against)

Art III Article III was again taken up.

Mr. W. G. Bancroft, Treasurer, announced that up-to-date the Expenses for the year were about $250, more than the receipts and that unless money due on pledges came he would be obliged to ask the Corporation for more money.

In line with the above, Mr. A. G. Evans, chairman of the Finance Committee, told the members that the majority were not giving enough or even as much as they should toward the support of the church, and that with the coming years they must be prepared to give more.

It was then moved and seconded:

That the meeting adjourn until one week from tonight, March 9th, at 7-45 P.M. in the Unitarian Church.

A true copy
Attest:

Helen E. Ruggles.
Clerk.

Adjourned Meeting - March 9. 1920

A quorum not being present the meeting adjourned without date.

Helen E. Ruggles. Clerk.

Annual Meeting - April 6. 1920.

Warrant.

The members of the Unitarian Church of Reading Mass., are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting will be held in the Unitarian Church, Reading Mass., on Tuesday, April 6, 1920, at 7-45 P.M. to consider and act on the following Articles.

Article I.

To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article II

To admit new members to the Society.

Article III

To hear and act upon the reports of Officers and Committees.

Article IV

To choose by ballot a Clerk, a Treasurer and a Board of Trustees, to consist of the Clerk and Treasurer ex-officio and three additional members.

Article V

To choose by ballot the following Committees, - Finance, Music, Nominating, Historian, Hospitality and Community Service, Church School and Church Decoration.

Article VI

To choose two lay delegates to the Annual Meeting of the American Unitarian Association to be held in May.

Article VII

To choose a Life Member to the American Unitarian Assoc.

Article VIII

To see what action shall be taken to raise funds for the support of the Society for the ensuing year.

Article IX.

To see how much money shall be expended for pulpit service, music and other necessary expenses for the ensuing year.

Article X

To see what instructions shall be given to the Trustees and officers.

Article XI

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting

By Order of the Trustees
Helen E. Coughlin, Clerk

Annual Meeting - April 6. 1920

Pursuant to the foregoing notice, the Annual Meeting of the Unitarian Church of Reading, Mass., was held this evening. There was a record attendance of 57 members.

Art I Moderator. Upon motion duly made and seconded, Mr. Jesse W. Thorlin was elected Moderator

Art II. New members. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following persons were elected members of the Society.

Eleanor Hutchinson	Gile Davies	Maud E. Clark
May Louise Temple	Thelma Judkins	Louise Bancroft.
Mrs. Walter R. Holden	Sarah Bancroft	Mrs. Dora G. Martin
Emma J. Allen	Elizabeth T. Carter	Evelyn Converse
George T. Fowle	Mrs Grace C. Fowle	Marion A. Fowle
Robert E. Fowle	Harriet M. LeGro	Ella M. Choate
Edith C. Scott	Flora J. Proctor	Miriam Loring
Richard P. Cromwell	Forest H. Bryant	Florence R. Elliot
Russell J. Elliot	Mahlon E. Brande	Marion Franklin Ham
Mary Louise Ham	Dr. F. L. Smalley	Mrs. S. D. Rounds.
Carter Ruggles and	Nellie Tiell.	

Art III. The Report of the Trustees was read by Mr. G. W. Stockwell. Same was accepted and placed on file.

Reports of Officers. The Treasurer reported Receipts for the year of $3.296.04, Expenses $3.289.27, Total subscriptions amount Edto $2,398.88. Donation from the Unity Club of $500. This reported was accepted and placed on file.

Miss Emma Allen, Chairman of the Music Committee, submitted a report showing an Expenditure of $407.65 for music during the year. This report was accepted and placed on file.

Mrs. Helen H. Smalley read the Unity Club's report showing receipts for the year of $862.95. As has been the custom $500. was turned into the Church Treasury. Expenses for the year $237.45, $125. has been placed in the Bank as the beginning of a Sinking Fund toward the new Church.

Mr. H. G. Evans, Chairman of the Finance Committee, spoke briefly on the need of the members giving more liberally to the church, and asking for greater Co operation with the Collector in turning in pledges and money. Also in regard to an increase in the Minister's Salary if it is possible to do so. The yearly pledge cards were distributed at the supper preceding the meeting and it is hoped that the members will realize the need of increasing their pledges all they possibly can.

Art IV Election of Officers

Mr. A. N. Mansfield reported the following nominations for Officers:

Clerk: Mr. Isaac S. Kelley
Treasurer: Mr. Wilfred A Bancroft
Trustees: Clerk and Treasurer Ex-officio and
Mr. George W. S. Lee
Mr. Wm. T. Wilson
Miss Helen E. Ruggles.

The Clerk was instructed to cast one vote for the above named Officers and upon motion made and seconded they were declared Elected for the ensuing year.

Art V Election of Officers

Mr. A. N. Mansfield reported the following nominations for Officers:

Finance Committee: Herbert G. Evans, Charles A. Loring, Willard P. Adden
Music Committee: Miss Emma [illegible], Mrs. Benj M. Hartshorn, Mr. Warren S. Fletcher
Hospitality and Community Service: Mrs. A. N. Mansfield, Mrs. M. E. Brande, Mrs. W. P. Adden, Dr. A. A. Libby, Mrs. A. A. Libby and Messrs. C. A. Loring, G. W. S. Lee and Capt. C. W. C. Rhoades.
Church School: (To be handled jointly by the Unity Club and Laymen's League.)
Historian: Miss Olive A. Prescott.
Church Decoration: Miss Louise Bancroft, Chairman.

Art V
Election
Officers.

with Miss Park's Sunday School Class as assistants

Nominating Committee: Messrs. A. N. Mansfield. Percy N. Switzer and William S. Dennison.

The Clerk was instructed to cast one vote for the above Officers and on motion made and seconded they were declared Elected.

Art VI
Lay delegates to Annual Meeting Am. Unit. Assn.

On motion made and seconded: Mrs. Alice B. Ruggles and Mrs. Susan T. Noble were chosen lay delegates to attend the annual meeting of the American Unitarian Association.

Art VII
Life Member. A.U.A.

On motion made and seconded: Mrs. Mary T. Ham was elected a Life Member of the American Unitarian Association.

Art VIII
Funds for Ensuing year.

On motion made and seconded it was voted that the question of raising funds for the support of the Society for the Ensuing year be left to the Trustees and Finance Committee

Art IX
Expenses for Ensuing Year.

On motion made and seconded it was voted that the amount of money to be expended for pulpit service, music and other necessary expenses for the Ensuing year be left to the Trustees with power to act.

Art. X

Under this Article there was an open discussion as to the temporary quarters in case the Church is sold in the near future.

Mr. A. N. Towne spoke very interestingly on his associations with the Society in the past and his hopes for it in the future

Instructions to Trustees

The question was asked as to whether or not we had been invited to use any other Church. No formal invitation has been received as yet.

Mr. Ow. Smith spoke in regard to the Sunday night meetings of the Laymen's League at Unity House, the coming Sunday to be the last of the

present series.

Instructions to Trustees.

On motion of Mr. W. A. Bancroft ~~it was~~ and duly seconded it was voted: That the Trustees, in anticipation of the sale of the Church, appoint a Committee of seven to secure pledges for the new Church and see what other methods shall be used for raising funds for the new church.

On motion made and seconded it was further voted: That the Chair appoint a Committee of nine to select designs for the new Church building and select an Architect and that the sum of $100. be appropriated for the Committee to expend in the examination of Churches already constructed. Also that this Committee consider the proposition of putting up a temporary structure for the time being, reporting to the Society at the same time they report on the plans.

In pursuance of the above vote the Chair appointed the following members on the Committee of nine:

Mr. E. N. Hunt, Mrs. A. N. Mansfield, Mr. W. S. Dennison, Mr. George W. S. Ide, Mrs. Alice B. Ruggles, Mrs. Susan S. Noble, Mr. C. A. Loring ~~and~~ Mr. H. G. Wadlin and Mr. E. N. Dillaway

Mr. W. P. Adden gave us a few ideas in regard to different materials for churches and after the meeting showed a few plans

Art XI

No further business coming before the meeting it was voted to adjourn.

A true record.

Attest:

Helen E. Ruggles
Clerk.

Board of Trustees - Annual Report.

April 6. 1920.

To the Members of the Unitarian Church of Reading:

This form of salutation indicates one of the changes that has occurred during the year which closes tonight. The "Christian Union" having served the purpose to which it was dedicated, has passed into history. It is succeeded by the Unitarian Church of Reading, Massachusetts.

Your Board of Trustees has endeavored to meet, frankly and positively, the various problems that have presented themselves during the year. Among the more important matters we may mention:

1. Increase in the minister's salary.
2. Change in legal title of the Society
3. Settlement of the ancient controversy regarding the right of way between the church building and the adjoining estate. We are indebted to Brother Benj. W. Smith for professional services in the satisfactory adjustment of this matter.
4. Improved janitor service.
5. Sale of the church property.

Trustees' Annual Report.

The board of trustees wishes to acknowledge its indebtedness to those faithful officers of the Church and Sunday-school who have performed an indispensable part in the continuance of our work. And as chairman of the board I wish to express my personal appreciation of the fine spirit of co-operation that has prevailed among the members throughout the year and that has rendered the duties of the board a pleasure rather than a task.

With the Society's new title goes a revised and practically new constitution and by-laws under which it may be practicable to speed up, as it were, the administrative machinery of the church to meet the increasing demand for the products of religion. A distinct advance has already been accomplished in the field of organization. The men's club of the church has joined the Unitarian Laymen's League, while the Guild Club has become affiliated with the Women's Alliance of Unitarian and other Liberal churches. New strength and inspiration are expected to

flow from this union with the National working forces of the Unitarian fraternity.

Among the seventeen "present purposes" of the League of Unitarian Laymen, as published in the notes on the constitution, are three which seem peculiarly applicable to this church: (1) To vitalize the work of the church and thus stimulate attendance at church services; (2) To make widely known the devotion of Unitarians to the essential principles of Christianity and to the practical application of those principles for the improvement of modern society, and (3) To expand and strengthen the influence and activities of Sunday-schools and broaden the field of religious instruction.

Trustees Annual Report

Now, why should not the men of the Reading Church, in pursuance of these purposes, engineer a series of Evening services to make known this devotion of the Unitarian church to the essential principles of Christianity; and another series of services, perhaps in the nature of a ~~forum~~ Sunday Evening forum, to illustrate the practical application of those principles to improve modern society. In view of the anticipated conversion of this church building into a moving picture theatre our men's club may be able to secure the use of the auditorium for Sunday Evenings. Here could be offered a program - along the lines suggested, to include an occasional or regular presentation of selected picture films, according to plans that have been successfully tried out in a number of Unitarian churches. In pursuance of the third recommendation of the League may we suggest the selection by the men of a committee to co-operate with a committee of the Unity Club in giving careful consideration to the Sunday-school problem. The successful solution of this problem is vital to the future welfare of the church.

It may seem almost invidious to suggest additional labors for the Unity Club which already does more than its share in the support of the church. But we cannot help wishing that our branch of the Women's Alliance might enlist in the service of the church, -

as in the service of the Nation during the World War, - Every woman in this parish above the age of 17 or 18. And as an aid to this end may we not respectfully suggest that arrangements be made for two meetings of the Alliance each month, one of which shall be held in the evening in order to permit of the attendance of business women and many others who may not find it convenient to attend the all-day meetings. There is no better time than the present for a movement forward in behalf of our church, and through the church for the community, the State and the Nation, - indeed, for the world. We must not fail to realize, in the coming day of re-construction, the responsibility of the church as the instrument of organized religion in keeping the face of the world toward the light.

Trustees Annual Report.

The present is probably the last official gathering of our society in this building. The church property is in process of sale. We are now to turn our faces toward the corner of Summer Avenue and Woburn Street where a new edifice is to be erected in a part of the town heretofore lacking a Protestant house of worship. There are doubtless those who will regret the change. To such persons we suggest the cultivation of an altruistic spirit - predicated on the undoubted fact that the West Side is quite as fairly entitled to salvation as any other section of our town.

In the meantime, however, abundant opportunities await us. This is not an appropriate occasion for outlining a general campaign. But we should aim to increase our membership by at least one hundred per cent and our income by two hundred per cent. We should expand our musical service in the way of better congregational singing and a trained chorus. Properly to carry through this part of our service we should secure the aid of a musical director. This is one way in which we might give the young people a definite share in our church life.

Let us look at the business side of the church from a business standpoint. We should hardly attem

to run any other kind of business or society by a policy of starvation such as we seem to have adopted in respect of our church. Let us be frank with ourselves and with each other. Let us determine once for all whether a Unitarian church in Reading is worth while. If we decide that it is not, let us take advantage of the occasion offered by the sale of the Church property to quietly dissolve the society. If we decide that this church is worth while, then let us act like rational beings and give it our whole-hearted moral and financial support. Let us create a working organization that will cause Reading to sit up and take observation. And in the fulness of time let us establish on the West side a church that will be worthy the best side of any town in America.

Trustees Annual Report.

Respectfully submitted, –
For the Board of Trustees.
A. W. Stockwell.
Chairman.

The Christian Union Church of Reading at its annual meeting April 2. 1919, voted that the Board of Trustees prepare a memorial to those members of the Society who passed to the Great Beyond during the church year of 1918-1919.

By vote of the Board of Trustees its Secretary was instructed to place with the Clerk of the Society such a memorial for permanent record upon its books.

Memorial to Deceased Members during 1918-1919

The hand of Death removed from the rolls of the Christian Union Church during the years 1918-1919 the following members.–

Mr. Arthur W. Jewett
Miss Rachel P. Wade
Miss Anna E. Appleton
Mrs. Lucretia J. Walker
Mr. Dudley V. Hunt.

It is fitting that the Church through its Board

Memorial to Deceased Members during 1918-1919

of Trustees should perpetuate the memory of these departed ones by recording in the books of the Church its deep sorrow for its irreparable loss and testify to its undying gratitude for what they did in its behalf.

With feelings of the utmost thankfulness the Church recalls the noble efforts made by these devoted men and women to preserve the traditions of their faith and their unswerving assistance in the support of the church. Though many of the departed were of advanced age, and perforce for many years inactive in the immediate church circle, the influence of their lives never ceased to be felt and will dwell forever in the memory of those they have left behind.

May they rest in peace.

Board of Trustees
Elect W. Stockwell, Chairman
William S. Cooper Secretary

May 15. 1919.

Unity Club.

Unity Club. 1919-1920.

Balance in Nat'l Bank Apr. 1. 1919		$ 5.30
Received 1919-1920		862.95
		868.25
Paid into Church Treasury	500.-	
Expenses for the year	237.45	737.45
Balance		130.80
Savings Bank deposit		125.00
Balance in Nat'l Bank.		$ 5.80

Helen W. Smalley,
Treasurer.

The Music Committee presents the following report for 1919-1920.

Music Committee

Paid Miss Parker and Miss Knowles for music Sunday mornings and for extra music Christmas, Easter, etc. $407.65.

Respectfully submitted,
Emma Rawlins
Chairman Music Committee

Expense and Income 1919-20

Treasurer's Report.

Income		
Subscriptions	2.398.88	
Sunday Collections	371.76	
Consecration Services	17.40	
Donation Civic Club	500.-	
" State Guard	8-	$3.296.04
Expense		
American Mutaman Association	51.-	
Coal and Wood	243.42	
Consecration Services	28.60	
Expense	90.99	
Insurance	142.00	
Interest	57.27	
Janitor	161.67	
Light and Water	68.87	
Music	407.65	
Pastor	1680.-	
Repairs	144.29	
Taxes	117.60	
Income and Expense - Woburn St. Property	99.91	3.289.27
Balance to Capital Account		$6.77

Treasurer's Report (Cont'd)

Capital Account

Receipts		
Est. Ellen Parker	8.37	
" Anna Appleton	100. -	
o/c Church Sale -	100. -	
Excess Receipts 19/20 year	6.77	$215.14
Payments		
Special deposit	200. -	
Bills Payable	15.14	$215.14

Assets and Liabilities. April 1. 1920.

Assets		
Cash.	8.56	
" Special	200. -	
Church and Guild Hall	21. 400. -	
" " " Equipment	5, 500. -	
Parsonage	5, 000. -	$32.108.56
Liabilities		
Mortgage on Parsonage	500. -	
Bills Payable 1914/15	200. -	
Capital invested	31. 408.56	$32.108.56

W. A. Bancroft.
Treasurer.

Special Meeting - June 21, 1920.
Warrant

A Special meeting of the members of the Unitarian Church of Reading, Mass. will be held in the Church edifice on Monday, June 21 1920, at 8 p.m. to transact the following business:

Article I

To choose a Chairman for the meeting.

Article II

To admit any new members to the Corporation.

Article III

To see if the members will authorize and direct the trustees of the Corporation to convey the Church property of said Corporation on the easterly side of Main St. Reading, to the corporation, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Article IV

To see if the Corporation will authorize and direct the Treasurer of the Corporation to convey the Church property of the Corporation on the easterly side of Main St. to the purchaser, or what it will do in relation thereto

Article V

To see if the Corporation will amend Article 8 of its By-Laws by adding the "Clerk of the Corporation" to the members of the committee on Conference or what they will do in relation thereto

Article VI

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

By order of the Trustees
D. J. Kelley, Clerk.

Special meeting - June 21, 1920.

Pursuant to the foregoing notice a Special meeting of the members of the Unitarian Church of Reading was held, thirty five members being present.

Article I
Moderator

Upon motion duly made and seconded Mr. Chas. A. Loring was elected Moderator

Article II
New members

Upon motion duly made and seconded the following new members were admitted to the Corporation

J. Allen Libby, Jr.
Miss Mildred L. Bingham
Miss Gertrude L. Brodrick
Capt. C. W. C. Rhoades
Frank L. Noble
Mrs. Susie F. Noble
Miss Madeline Libby
Mrs. Florence Hunt Libby
Miss Katherine Wellson
Miss Faith Smalley
Mrs. Nellie L. Zappey
Miss Lois H. Temple
Mrs. Bertha P. Benjamin (Berkeley St.)
Wm. H. Benjamin "
Mrs. Mary L. Rounds
Mrs. Eleanor S. Crowe
Katherine M. Smith

Article III

Upon motion duly made and seconded the trustees of this Corporation were directed to convey the Church property to the Corporation

Article IV Upon motion duly made and seconded the Treasurer was directed to convey the Church property to the purchaser.
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Article V Upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted to amend Article 8 of the By Laws by adding the "Clerk of the Corporation" to the members of the committee on Conference

Article VI Upon motion duly made and seconded the trustees were given full power to select a future meeting place while awaiting our new building.
Upon motion duly made and seconded the trustees were given power to remove and renovate hangings and deliver to the Unity Club for proper care.
Miss Eames was appointed a member to collect funds for a new piano. Suggested that members contribute what would have been deposited as weekly contributions during the summer season.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the Treasurer was authorized to pay the mortgage of $500. now standing on the parish house.

[illegible] meeting, Co. Sligo

The special meeting held on Monday for Sligo was called that the Leading Unionists might accept the quota of $100 apportioned to the Unionist Campaign Committee, and that Mr. P. A. Lowe, Navan, be made Chairman of the local Campaign Committee to take this [illegible].

In this manner arranged by Mr. Lowe that the first payment of $100 be forwarded immediately and the remaining two equal payments of $100, each the 1st portion of each [illegible] month.

T. A. Kelley, Clerk

Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Unitarian Church of Reading Mass. will be held in G.A.R. Hall on Tuesday. April 12. 1921 at 8 P.M. to transact the following business:

Art I. To choose a Moderator.

Art II To hear the reports of Committees.

Art III To transact such other business as may legally come before the meeting.

By Order of the Trustees.
F. S. Kelley.
Clerk.

April 12. 1921.

Pursuant to the foregoing notice, the Annual Meeting of the Unitarian Church of Reading Mass, was held this Evening. About 50 members were present.

Clerk pro tem. In the absence of the Clerk on motion duly made and seconded, Miss Helen E. Ruggles was Elected Clerk pro tem.

Art I. Moderator. Upon motion duly made and seconded, Mr. Jesse W. Morton was Elected Moderator.

Art II. Music. The report of the Music Committee was read by Miss Gertrude D. Ruggles (in Miss Addeis absence) showing an Expenditure of $395.50 for the year. The report was accepted and placed on file.

Reports of Committees and Officers. Rev. M. J. Hare presented a report on the Sunday School which now has an enrollment of 76 pupils and 10 adults. The report was accepted and placed on file.

Sunday School

The Trustees report was read by Mr. Tom H. Wilson.

Trustees. in the absence of Mr. G.W.S. Ide. The year 1920 will be a memorable one for the Society as it marks the passing of our Church home in the Square. The attendance in Enterprise Hall has been a trifle better but there is still room for improvement.

The report was accepted and placed on file.

The Alexaine Cecily Club Branch. The President and Treasurer of the Alexaine Cecily Club Branch presented a report showing that they have had an exceedingly successful year, both socially and financially. They contributed $500. to the Church treasury and have also a balance of $181.30 in the Savings Dept. of the First National Bank. The reports were accepted and placed on file.

Y.P.R.U. An interesting report was read by Esther Philbert, Secretary of the Y.P.R.U. giving a resume of their meetings for the past year. This report was accepted and placed on file.

Reading Chapter 81. Laymen's League. A report for the Reading Chapter Laymen's League was read by Mr. C.W. Smith. Four meetings were held during the year. The report was accepted and placed on file.

Collector's and Treasurer's Reports

Auditor's Report in place of the above two

Auditor's Report for the year Ending April 1921.

I have Examined the accounts of the Treasurer and beg to submit the following report.

Receipts & Expenditures for Operating 1920-21.

Receipts.			Expenditures	
Subscriptions & Sunday Collections		2.586.18	Pastor's Salary	2100.-
			Music	375.50
Cecily Club		500.-	Rent - Enterprise Hall	145.-
11 mos. Rent 129 Woburn St		176.-	Storage - Gilman Parker	180.-
Misc'l		20.70	Postage & printing	46.96
		3282.88	Light, heat & water	99.39
Borrowed of Bldg Fund.	1888.12		Janitor - 3 mos.	50.01
Deduct:			Repairs - Parsonage	26.61
Returned	1547.80	340.32	Taxes. " & Woburn St	303.38
			Cont. Vocation	51.-
			Misc'l	225.35
		3623.20		3623.20

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Art III

On motion made by Mr. Charles A. Loring and duly seconded, it was

Voted that a Committee of two, consisting of Rev. M. T. Adam and Mr. Harry L. Dane be appointed to draft resolutions relative to the illness of Mr. A. Newell Howes.

A copy of the resolutions follow:-

Resolutions. Illness A. N. Howes.

Whereas: The members of this church, feeling themselves deeply indebted to their fellow-member and co-worker, Mr. A. Newell Howes, who has for many years so generously supported the work of the church and all good enterprises in the community and

Whereas; the members of this church, having learned with profound regret, that sudden illness has temporarily confined Mr. Howes to his home, desire to express to him their sincere sympathy and fervent wishes for his speedy recovery.

Be it resolved:- that these sentiments of esteem and affectionate good will be expressed at this meeting by a unanimous rising vote, and that the memorial of this act be placed upon the records of the Church, and the Clerk of the Church be instructed to forward a copy of the resolution to Mr. Howes.

Election of Officers

The following nominations for Officers are reported by Mr. A. N. Mansfield.

Clerk - Harry L. Dane
Treasurer - William H. Wilson
Trustees - Richard V. Loring,
Percy N. Sweetser
Helen E. Ruggles and the Clerk and Treasurer Ex-officio

Election of Officers - Cont'd

Finance Committee - Willard P. Adden
Arthur A. Libby
Arthur N. Mansfield.

Music Committee - Miss Emma Adden
Mrs. B. M. Hartshorn
Warren L. Fletcher

Hospitality and Community Service Committee } Mrs. Mabel F. Parks with power to fill Com.

Nominating Com. Geo. W. S. Ide -
Wilfred A. Bancroft
Jesse W. Morton

Church Decoration Milton Crail.
with power to fill Com.

Historian Miss Olive A. Prescott.

The Clerk was instructed to cast one vote for the above named Officers and upon motion made and seconded they were declared Elected for the ensuing year.

Upon motion made and seconded the following persons were Elected members of the Society.

New Members.

John C. Drew	Norman L. Reed
John Elliott	Edmund A Stockwell
Harold M. Baker	G. Willard Perkins
Sherman Drew	Russell L. Elliot, Jr.
Elaine M. Davis	Alfred L. Oliver.
Irma McIntosh	Harry P. Cromwell
John Alden Loring	Edith P. Cromwell
Laurence D. Harvey	Ella L. Graves

Committee on Plans.

Mr. E. N. Hunt, Chairman of the Committee on Plans, reported that the firm of Adden & Parker had been secured and that plans would be drawn and presented in the near future.

Lay Delegates to U.U.A. 1921 Meeting

On motion duly made and seconded. Mrs. Susan L. Noble and Miss Helen Brown were chosen Lay Delegates to the Annual Meeting of the American Unitarian Association.

Life Members. U.U.A.

On motion duly made and seconded, Miss Helen E Ruggles was chosen a Life Member of the U. U. A.

Resignation W S Cooper

A letter was read from Mr. Tom S. Cooper, requesting withdrawal of his name from the books as a Member of the Society.

On motion made and seconded Mr. Cooper's resignation was accepted.

Unsolicited Members. Etc.

On motion made and seconded it was:

Voted that the question of soliciting those who have not been solicited and those who have made pledges and have not paid be referred to the Treasurer.

Supplying Pulpit and Compensation

On motion made and seconded it was:

Voted that the matter of supplying the pulpit and the compensation to be paid for the coming year, be left with the Trustees of the Church with full powers to act.

No further business coming before the meeting it was voted to adjourn.

A true record.
Attest:

Helen E Ruggles
Clerk.

Report of Music Committee.

The Music Committee presents the following report for 1920-1921.

Paid for Music, Miss Parker, Pianist and for Soloists during the year $395.50

Respectfully submitted,
Emma Adden,
Chairman Music Com.

Sunday School Report.

The Sunday School now has an Enrollment of 76 pupils and 10 adults who are connected with the school as teachers, helpers and members of the Executive Committee, making a total enrollment of 86. We have 13 names on our cradle roll. If we could legitimately count these names as part of the school enrollment we should have a total of 99. But we must be patient for a while.

The attendance has been good part of the year but the prevalence of scarlet fever in the community during the months prevented us from making as good a record for attendance as otherwise we might have made.

I am not able to give you the receipts and Expenditures for the year as that falls within the province of the Treasurer of the School and she will submit her report to the annual meeting of the School to be held shortly. But I am able to say that the school, by vote, in the month of January contributed $50. to Mr. Morris's Fund for Starving Children in Europe.

The School has done good work during the year. Your minister, as you know, is now the Supt. of your School and he wishes to say that he is devoting as much time and attention to this part of the work of your Church as his other duties will allow. He realizes that the school is not all that it ought to be. Very few modern church schools are that. But he is doing all that he can to make it better. He thinks he sees an improvement in the Efficiency

of the school as a whole, and he desires to express his sincere appreciation of the splendid spirit of co-operation which has been displayed by the other officers, lepers and teachers of the school.

Sunday School Report

The purpose of your ministry in this branch of the work, is to develop the devotional spirit in the children. We try to make the religious service preceding the lessons as much like the church service as we can, having the children take part in the Scripture readings, responses and the prayer and, of course, they do most of the singing and take up the collection. The purpose of this method is to give your children such training in the religious life that they will grow naturally into church membership and be fitted to meet its obligations

(Rev. W. T. Edmund)

Trustees Report.

Apr. 12. 1921.

The Fiscal Year of 1920 was made prominently by the fact of the sale of our property in Reading Square where, for so many years, the Society conducted services.

It was with regret that we decided to leave this place of worship but the trend of times seemed to recommend a change of location; therefore, the site at the corner of Summer Avenue and Foxbury Street was chosen by the Committee as being the most centrally located for our new church edifice.

The Committee appointed for the purpose of deciding upon the character and type of church structure has, or undoubtedly is, ready to submit its proposition. While present conditions do not warrant new construction yet I would recommend the type of church be decided upon so that we may be ready to carry out our plans without delay when the opportune moment arises.

The church attendance throughout our stay

in Enterprise Hall seems to average a little better than when we were located at our former place of worship.

Trustee Report Cont'd

We refer with a new church home that the religious impulse will be quickened so that a better attendance may be had, not only showing appreciation to our Pastor of his efforts, but making it more pleasant for ourselves as well, a larger attendance tending to create more interest in the affairs of the Society.

There seems to be an idea in some localities that to be a Lutheran is to be a spiritual outsider. Why not show the people of Reading by our attendance and support of the Church that this is not the case? If we can arouse some interest whereby the attendance will be increased and the tenets of our faith given more prominence in the community it will be greatly to our advantage.

If I may make a suggestion, why not, at the commencement of our coming season, carry out a certain amount of publicity to attract attention to our services.

Geo. W. S. Fale,
Chairman, Board of Trustees

The Alliance Trinity Club Branch

I have the honor to make my annual report for the Trinity Club Branch Alliance.

We have held since last April nine meetings at homes of the members, the president having been able to attend every meeting. Our year has been very happy.

President's Report

There has been a wonderful spirit of harmony and co-operation among the members of the Alliance.

We have answered all appeals from Branch Alliances - Carolina Industrial School - helped in opening Lutheran house on Isles of Shoals - European Relief.

President's Report Cont'd

Our Alliance has organized a Cheerful Letter Dept. with Mrs. Bancroft as Chairman.

Literature has been sent to remote people and through this office we have heard of a deserving family with six children in Virginia who were destitute of everything and through the efforts of Mrs. Mansfield a large box of clothing was sent them thus enabling the children to attend day and church school.

We have continued to send money to our dear old French soldier each month, which we feel to be a concrete link with our French Allies. This soldier has been in the Hospital since 1914, submitting to operation after operation with the result of literally making for him a new face. He has recently been discharged from the Hospital and having been married has gone back to work in his father's vineyard.

Invitations have come from nearby Alliances to attend special meetings, some of which a few members have been able to accept. The N. E. Province Alliance held an all day meeting at the Second Church, Boston, at which Reading was well represented.

Our president was not able to attend all but the monthly conference at 25 Beacon Street.

Our social activities have been many and eminently successful.

Respectfully submitted.
Susanna Noble.
President.

Treasurer's Report

Apr. 1. 1920. Bal in National Bank.		5.80
Received 1.20-21		994.11
		999.91
Paid into Church treasury	500.-	
Deposited in Savings Dpt. First Nat'l Bank	181.30	
Expenses for the year	291.72	973.02
Apr. 1. 1921. Bal. in National Bank.		26.89

Helen A. Donnelly
Treasurer

Report of the Y.P.R.U.

The Young Peoples Religious Union was formed on May 23.1920.

It was formed for the purpose of promoting the religious and social life of the young people of the Unitarian Church and for the betterment of the community. There are two classes of membership: active and honorary.

Anyone over twelve and under twenty-five is eligible for active membership. The officers are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Regular meetings are held every Sunday evening at six-thirty at the members' homes or at the parsonage. The meetings consist of a religious service, a business meeting and a social hour. Our average attendance at the meetings is twenty-five.

The Society started with seventeen active members and three honorary members. We have since increased to forty-eight active members and twenty-four honorary members.

New officers are elected every six months. The society was organized with Phillis Hill, President; Louise Bancroft, Vice President; Katherine Willson, Treasurer and Richard Cromwell, Secretary. Nov. 5th new officers were elected. They are as follows: Pres. Phyllis Nodding; Vice Pres. Ethel Ham; Secy Esther Millett and Treas. Harold Baker.

Our Society has given $10. to the Alcoholic Fund and $5. to the Home for Aged Women. We bought our own service books and hymn books and have $10. left in the treasury.

I feel that the Y.P.R.U. has accomplished quite a little considering that it is such a young organization and I think this is shown in the increase in members and the causes for which we have given our money.

Esther Millett
Secretary

Laymen's League - Reading Chapter No 81.

During the past year four meetings have been held with an average attendance of twenty-one. The speakers have been Judge Charles W. Barrows of Providence, R.I., a Justice of the Superior Court of R.I.; Mr. Olivia M. Fisher of Newton, Pres. of the Fitz Pickard Shoe manufacturers; Mr. Jan Ellis Upton, Leader of the Male Chorus of the Laymen's League; Mr. Percy L. Brayton, Asst House Secy at Community House; Archer L. Palmer Esq., an attorney from Omaha, Neb.; Mr. Wallace M. Towns, Manager of the Publicity Dept. of the League.

Having to rent a place for our meetings each time is expensive and it is evident we need a new church building with kitchen and dining room for our gatherings.

It is hoped our members will show more interest the coming year in Community House and the Sunday evening meetings held there.

The March 15th last we held a "Ladies Night" in Squantity Hall at which about 125 were present and heard an interesting illustrated lecture by a representative of the Lecture Department of the N. E. Tel & Tel Co.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chas Smith.
Secretary.

Auditor's Report Continued.

Receipts & Expenditures for Capital a/c 1920-21.

Receipts		
From sale of Church, Community Hall & land.		$ 14,500.-
" " " Organ, miscellaneous and fixtures		311.-
" rebate on Insurance cancelled.		319.62
6 mos. int on $14,000 Victory 4 3/4s		332.50
Mise receipts of interest on Bank balances.		41.04
		15,504.16
Payments		
Mtg on Parsonage cancelled	500.-	
Insurance & "Trust" loan paid	200.-	
Repairs on house 129 Woburn St	105.-	805.-
		14,699.16
Investment		
$14,000 Victory 4 3/4s pur. @ 96.54 & Com.	13,533.10	
Int on above accrued.	188.41	13,721.51
		977.65
Acct Anna Appleton Fund rec'd March 1920		100.-
		1077.65
Book credit balance of "Cash a/c"		8.65
		$ 1086.30
Reconciliation		
Bal of a/c First Natl Bank, Reading, Mch 31.1921	745.98	
Add amount of loan to "Cash a/c" by "Bldg. Fund"	340.32	
	1086.30	

Respectfully submitted,-
Wm. H. Wilson. Auditor

Special Meeting June 29th, 1921

Warrant

1. A special meeting of the members of the Unitarian Church of Reading Mass will be held in Grand Army Hall Thursday evening June 29, 21 at 8.00 o'clock to act on the following articles

To choose a Moderator for said meeting

Article I

To see if the society will approve the plans of the new church to be submitted by the Planning Committee

Article II

To see what sum the society will raise & appropriate for building the church & parsonage or what they will do in relation thereto

Article III

To appoint a building committee

Article IIII

To transact any other business that may legally come before it.

By order of the Trustees
Harry L. Dane Clerk

Special Meeting June 29, 1921

In accordance with the foregoing notice a special meeting of the members of the Unitarian Church of Reading Mass was held. Twenty four members being present.

Upon motion duly made and seconded Mr Chas A. Young was elected Moderator

Article I Mr Willard P. Adden submitted two sets of plans marked respectively "A" & "B" & after a general inspection of them by the members present on motion duly made & seconded it was voted to accept Plan A showing the Parsonage facing on Woburn St & situated west of the proposed church building

Article II On motion duly made & seconded it was voted to place article II on the table

Article III On motion duly made and seconded it was voted to place Article III on the table -

Article IIII On motion duly made & seconded it was voted to instruct the committee on plans to submit (Plan A) to the American Unitarian Assn in Boston for their approval and if approved to re-submit the plan to all the members of the society for their approval two weeks later

On motion duly made and seconded it was voted to pay the American Unitarian Assn ($200) Two hundred Dollars from the current funds, it being the 2nd payment of $1000.00 pledged to be paid within 5 years

The society to be reimbursed for the amount of $200 from private subscription solicited by Mr Madden & others after the manner of the 1st payment & thereafter the succeeding payments to be included in the annual budgett and paid from the church funds -

On motion duly made & seconded it was voted to adjourn until Wednesday evening July 12. 1921 at 8 o'clock

Harry L. Dane Clerk

Adjourned Special Meeting July 12. 1921

The adjourned special meeting of the members of the Unitarian Church of Reading Mass was held in Grand Army Hall at 8 o'clock on Thursday evening July 12. 1921 Only 5 members including clerk being present the meeting adjourned -

Harry L. Dane Clerk

Special Meeting January 25th 1922

Warrant

A Special meeting of the members of the Unitarian Church of Reading Mass will be held in Grand Army Hall Wednesday evening January 25th 1921 at 8 o'clock to act on the following articles

I

To choose a moderator

II

To act on the report of the committee on plans

III

To transact any other business that may legally come before its -

Special Meeting January 25th 1922

A special meeting of the members of the Unitarian Church of Reading Mass was held in Grange Hall.

Upon motion duly made and seconded Mr Richard C. Young was elected moderator.

Mr E. McKent Chr. of the committee on plans read a letter from the President of the American Unitarian Association approving the general scheme as shown on the plan submitted by H. Addams. He expressed the hope that the stone walls should be of seamfaced granite such as comes from Weymouth & suggested that the stage in the lower room be widened & some minor suggestions.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the report was accepted and laid on the table.

On motion made and seconded a committee consisting of Mr E. L. Wallcraft, Prof. R. Preston & Mr W. S. Dennison was appointed to decide ways & means of raising approximately 50000 for the building of the church and that the Board of Trustees be empowered to fill any vacancies occurring through the resignation of any of their members. The committee to report not later than Feb 15 this was later amended to 31st & an adjourned meeting to be called Mch 2. 1922

Upon motion duly made & seconded it was voted that the moderator be empowered to nominate a committee of three members, their names to be presented at the next meeting for action, to act as a building committee.

Upon motion duly made & seconded it was voted to appoint Dr A. A. Kelly chairman of a supper committee to serve supper at the adjourned meeting to be held 31st inst.

Upon motion duly made & seconded it was voted to adjourn until Thursday evening March 2. 1922

Adjourned Meeting March 2. 1922
Warrant

The adjourned meeting of the members of the Unitarian Society of Reading will be held in Enterprise Hall Thursday evening March 2nd 1922 at 8 o'clock to act on the following articles.

Art I To choose a Moderator

Art II To vote on final approval of the plans for a new church and parsonage as approved at a meeting of the Society, June 27 and later by the American Unitarian Association.

Art III Action on the report of the committee elected at the meeting of the Society January 31, 1921 to devise ways & means of raising necessary funds to build a new church & parsonage

Art IV To hear the report of the trustees in nomination of three members of the Society to act as a Building Committee

Art V To proceed to the election of a building committee and to transact any other business that may legally come before the Society.

Adjourned Meeting March 2nd 1922

In accordance with the foregoing notice an adjourned meeting of the members of the Unitarian Church of Reading Mass was held in Enterprise Hall Odd Fellows Building; about 45 members present.

Supper was served by the men, Dr A. A. Lobley chairman, before the meeting

Art I moderator

Upon motion duly made and seconded Dr A. Lobley was elected moderator

Art II

Upon motion duly made and seconded art II was laid laid on the table

Art III

After hearing the report of Mr Loring in connection with the conference of the committee with Mr Williams Mr Lymans & Mr Cornish of the Am Unitarian Assn on motion duly made & seconded it was voted to undertake to raise $10,000. a committee of 12 members to be selected by the Trustees & to report what progress made at the annual meeting Tuesday April 11.

The report of the committee was thereupon accepted & placed on file

Art IIII

On motion duly made seconded it was voted to elect the members the committee nominated by the Trustees to act as a building committee & in accordance with this vote Mr C. D. Higgins Mr Percy L. Fowler & Mr H. D. Baker were unanimously elected to serve as a building committee.

On motion made & seconded it was voted to take Art 11 from the table.

The plans & elevations of the proposed building were shown on a screen & details of same explained by Mr Willard P. Adams architect.

On motion made & seconded it was voted to accept the plans as drawn by Mr Adams with such modifications as seemed necessary by the Building Committee.

On motion made & seconded it was voted to adjourn

Annual Meeting

Warrant

The annual meeting of the members of the Unitarian Church of Reading Mass will be held in G.A.R. Hall on Tuesday April 11. 1911 at 8. P. M. to transact the following business

Art I

To choose a Moderator

Art II

To hear the reports of the Committee

Art III

To transact such other business as may legally come before the meeting.

By order of the Trustees

Mary L Dane Clerk

Annual Meeting April 11 1922

The annual Meeting of the members of the Unitarian Church of Reading Mass was held in G.A.R. hall in accordance to the warrant aforementioned

Art I Moderator

The meeting was opened by the clerk and on motion duly made and seconded: Mr Jesse W Morton was elected Moderator

Article II Report of Committees.

The first report was by Richard F Loring for the Trustees, in which he reported the care, moving and storing of the memorial windows. The repairs made on the parsonage. The appointment of a committee of 12 to solicit $10,000.00 for the Building fund and the addition of 8 including the Trustees making a working Committee of 20 in all, whose duties were to see each member of the church a get the pledges in as promptly as possible

Trustees Report

The meeting of the Trustees with the A.U.A. members and report made relative to plans, raising of money to erect the new church were discussed.

Report of the Treasurer was then read

Treas. Report.

Capital Receipts & Disbursements. 1921 - 1922

Receipts

Interest on Victory Bonds ($14000 par)	665.00	
House Rent 10 mo.	160	
Sale of Gas Heater & Sink.	50	$875.00

Disbursements

Taxes.	370.43	
Water.	35.45	
Ins. $625 less refund 14.37	71.88	
Moving & crating memorial Windows	46.93	
Storage 180 less receipts 6	174 —	
Sewer Connection 75.00 less refund 15.41	59.59	
General repairs on Parsonage	19.04	$777.32
Gain in Capital		$97.68

Capital Assets

$14,000 Victory 4 3/4 @ cost	$13,533.10	
add Increase in value	536.90	$14,070.
Gain in Capital		97.68
assessed value of Parsonage.		4400.
Surplus of current acct over Exp.		18,567.68
Estimated Value of Parsonage over assessed Value		500.92
		1600
Total.		20,668.60

Treasurer's Report Continued

Treasurer's Report 1921-1922
Unitarian Church of Reading Mass
Budget Receipts

Collection of Pledges.		3031 66
" " " 1920-21 deficit		229 50
Sunday Collections		324 95
Int of Bank a/c		15 22
		$ 3601.33

Budget Expenditures

UUA Life Membership contribution		$ 51 —
Campaign Fund	200. —	
Less Collection	159 —	41 —
So Middlesex Conference		5 —
Rent for church purposes.	205 —	
" " Business meetings	37	242 —
Suppers.	42 61	
Less Collections	34 17	8 44
Printing and postage		80 55
Church Decorations		3
Minister's Salary		2250
Music		419 42
		3100.41

Surplus 500 92
Gain Cap 97 68
Bal apr 1921 745 89
1366.49

Surplus 500.92
Voted to capital fund. —

Respectfully Submitted
Wm F Wilson
Treas.

Moved and Seconded to accept this report — passed.
Also to transfer $500 92 Balance from the Surplus Fund to the Capital a/c.

Music Committee

The Music Committee presents the following report for 1921 - 1922 paid for Music to Miss Parker & Soloists during year 4 7 50
B & M R.R. Tickets 19 92
Total $ 4.9.42

Respectfully submitted. Emma Adden
Chairman Music Committee

Report accepted & placed on file.

The Church School has an actual enrollment of seventy four and has had an average attendence of forty three during the year and as usual the attainments were gratifying.

Unity Club Report

The Unity Club Report 1921-22

Balance in First National Bank April 1921	26 89
Receipts for 1921-1922	1978 56
	2005 45
Expenses for 1921-1922	174 85
Balance.	1830.60

Government Bonds.	1966 13
Savings Dept 1st Nat'l	13040
Checking Dept " "	6472
Total.	2161 25

Helen H. Malley Treas.

accepted & placed on file.

Sec'y Report of P.R.U.

Report of the Layman's Training was submitted and placed on file.

Report of Young Peoples Religious Union has for its membership April 11, 1922, 56 active and 20 honorary members.

The Reading union meets every Sunday night at 5.30 o'clock at different members houses. From 6.30 to 7.00 a religious service is conducted by the minister during which hymns are sung, the Scripture, Psalm and Prayer being read by volunteers from among the members. Following the religious service a business meeting is conducted by the president Robert Ham in which the report of the secretary and various committees are given. The rest of the evening is spent in a social hour during which refreshments are served and quiet games played.

The Union took charge of the service of the Church Sunday January 22 which was Young Peoples' Sunday 6 taking part & 4 ushering

The music was by a large chorus. They have also attended a Mass meeting in Waterloo conducted 2 religious services at the Reading Home for Aged Women and helped in the Christmas Party for the Sunday School. The Reading Union has entered a contest under the direction of the National Young People's Religious Union, points being given for various things such as teaching Sunday School classes, increasing memberships and social activities.

The Motive of the Union is to promote religious and social life among young people.

Respectfully Submitted
Willard Perkins
Sec.

Treasurer's Report Y.P.R.U.

The report of the Treasurer of the Y.P.R.U.

Amount recieved from former Treas. Oct 24 1920	16 20
Cash ~~to~~ april 1, 1921	85 76
making a good total of	101.46
Expenditures	
Home for Aged Women	5 00
Foreign Fund.	10 —
Y P R U Boston (Dues)	5
Music Books	21 54
Refreshments & misc	15 82
	57 36
Balance on hand april 1-1921	45 0

Respectfully submitted
Harold M Baker
Treas.

accepted & placed on file

New Members

New members voted upon and accepted.

Mr + Mrs. Israel Perkins.
Mrs Lena Reed
Mr. R. D. Cheney.

The meeting now then turned over to the election of officers for the ensuing year and were as elected as follows:-

Robert O Cherby — Clerk.
William F Willson — Treasurer.
Richard F Loring
Percy N Sweetser
Miss Helen E Ruggles } Trustees.

Miss Olive A Prescott. Historian
Mr Arthur A Libby
Mr Arthur N Montfield } Finance Committee
Mr Willard P Adden

Miss Emma Adden
Mrs. Benj N Hartshorn } Music
Mr Geo W S. Ides

Hospitality & Community Service
Mrs Mabel F Parks. (Chairman with power to choose committee.)

Church Decorations
Mr Milton Viall.

Mrs H L. Dane & Mrs J S Perkins elected as delegates to the annual meeting of the A.U.A. in May.

Miss Marion E Park elected a life member of the A.U.A.

Voted $200 annual contribution to AUA Campaign fund be included in annual Budget.

Voted to instruct Finance Committee to raise fund for the year's Budget by the "every member Campaign", the same as last year, and to issue duplicate pledge cards so there would be no misunderstanding.

Voted to instruct the Trustees to appropriate $25.00 to be expended for flowers to be used by the decorating committee on the pulpit.

Voted to adjourn until April 25. 1922 Tuesday. for report of committee on collection of subscription for the Building Fund.

Written from notes furnished
by

F. A. Lane
Clerk.

Adjourned Meeting April 24 1922

I Meeting called to order by Mr Morton, who was acting as moderator being held over from previous meeting. The records were read and approved.

II Report of The Trustees was read: "The Trustees at a meeting held April 17 1922 Richard F Loring was elected Chairman and Robert O Chesley (clerk) for secretary. Miss Doris Temple was elected to act as assistant to Mr Hall on decorating Committee.

Trustees Report.

Mr A M Mansfield
Mr C B Ruggles.
Mr P N. Smeltzer were named as the Nominating Committee for next year. to be voted on at this meeting

nominating Committee

Miss Mary R Bancroft was elected Collector for the year.

Collector

Robert O Chesley elected Auditor and action was taken on the suggestion of flowers for The Pulpit.

Auditor

III The Soliciting Committee reported that already 72 pledges had been received from Unitarians 5 outside the church from other Denomination 35 already contributed and have 87 prospects yet to see. The work is progressing rapidly and the committee feel confident that success will be theirs all that is needed is the united action of the Church and unity of purpose of those striving so arduously to make our goal of $10,000.

Soliciting Committee Report.

The Treasurer then reported that pledges over $1000 had already been received.

The Nominating Committee was then selected and Miss Doris Temple assistant to the Decorating Committee

A vote of thanks was given Mr Hall and his Committee on membership in getting

our Church over the Top and over our quota there being an increase of 12 men 29 women 2 boys and 8 girls a total of 51 new members, making 233 actual members out of 426 claiming to be Unitarians in the Religious Census of This Town of Reading.

Mr. A. N. Mansfield read several letters from out of Town members showing their interest in the building of a new Home Church.

Mr. Eldridge then answered and explained many things regarding the plans for the new Church.

The list of members who had not been voted as members of the Corporation was then read and the following were elected: —

1 Lena M Reed	20 Sophia Oliver
2 Jennie D Clemons.	21 Alice A Barrows.
3 Ella F Wadlin	22 Chas M Sweetser
4 Priscilla V Webster	23 Dorothy Baker
5 Clara A Clemons.	24 Nellie B Danforth
6 Edith G Cheney	25 Annie L Perry
7 Geo L Perry	26 Charlie M Webber
8 Wm H Wilson Jr.	27 Herbert C Towle
9 A Maude Adams.	28 Emma H Harnden
10 Alice G Watson	29 Elinor H Austin
11 Susan C Trinkhorn	30 Horace Brown
12 Fredk M Field	31 Lucella R Lloyd
13 Alfred B Smith	32 Clay M Prentiss
14 Dorothy P Glover	33 Manuel A Palmer
15 Lillian E Field	34 Martha A Batchelder
16 Maria S Patterson	35 Freeman D Blake
17 Geo B Manss	36 Lena T Manss
18 Eliz Wolber	37 Grace M Henderson
19 Irene H Bowden	38 C Earl Watson
	39 Clara G Brown.

new members.

The meeting adjourned with the feeling strong that we should soon have plans and figures to bring before the Society; and

there was a Bright Future Ahead and we felt that with that unity of Purpose our new church would now soon be a Reality

R O Chesley
Clerk.

Signatures of Members

February 4, 1940 Todd Davis Cooke ~~126 Salem Street~~ Removed

~~No Reading~~ ~~resigned~~ ~~removed by request~~

~~resigned Jan 56~~ ~~Lennox Schoppeley~~

Lewis Bosson ~~15 Berkeley Street~~ Removed

John Harris Crocker ~~126 Salem Street~~ Removed

March 30, 1940 Howard Malcolm Bates 164 ~~Summer Ave~~ Removed

April 7, 1940 Charles Wilbur Spear 22 Berkeley Rd. Removed

April 8, 1940 Alfred T. Wade 257 ~~Summer Ave~~ Removed

" " " Mrs Patricia O'Hearn 10 Franklin

" " " Constance Schorter 10 Franklin Removed

" " " Vernon N. Schorter 10 Franklin St.

April 9, 1940 Agnes C. Nuche 25-9 ~~Summer Ave~~ Removed

" " " Belle Kimball - West Park St. No. Reading.

Oct. 5, 1941 Elizabeth J. Scott - 4 Fremont St. Reading

March 30 '41 Jean Scott Underhill 49 Pratt St. Reading

" 30 '41 Nancy Emerson Scott 49 Pratt St. Reading

May 25, '41 Helen May Cole ~~22 West St. Reading~~

" " Mary A.K. Lawson 243 Woburn St Reading. Resigned

" " Robert M. Lawson 243 Woburn St., Reading.

April 5, 1942 Joan D. Jones, 2 Gilmore Avenue, Reading -

Sept. 20, 1942 Mrs. Beulah Hauck 8 Gilmore Reading Removed

Sept. 20, 1942 John C. Hauck - 8 Gilmore Ave. Reading, Mass. Removed

Oct 11, 1942 Dorothy B. Teel. 107 ~~113~~ Walnut St., Reading, Mass.

Dec. 6, Betsey L. Buttrick Removed ter St. Reading Mass

Dec. 6, 1942 John D. Buttrick Removed ter St., Reading, Mass

April 25, 1943 ~~Elizabeth D. Burpee 116 Main St. Reading, Mass~~

	Ruth E. Billingham	243 Woburn Street
	Marjorie A. Billingham	248 Woburn Street
	Lucy C. Billingham	243 Woburn Street
	George A. Billingham	243 Woburn Street
Oct. 10/50	Mrs Ann Blaisdell	113 Summer Ave.
	Mrs. Anthony L. McCabe	320 West St.

Deceased